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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-188)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
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Re Atlanta airtel to New Orleans, 2/9/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies, for Atlanta two copies and for Dallas one copy of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

Even though it is indicated in the enclosed letterhead memorandum that the information contained therein is from two sources only one source was utilized, and this was done to further protect the identity of this source. The identity of this source is [REDACTED]

Information contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum has been paraphrased from the original information provided in order to more fully protect this source [REDACTED]

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A copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being furnished to 112th ICG at New Orleans.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced communication enclosed several FD-306's containing information regarding a trip that [redacted] made to Louisiana [redacted] also a member of the captioned organization, in Jan., 1955. Atlanta advised that they were not in a position to evaluate this information and consequently no letterhead memorandum was submitted. Atlanta requested New Orleans to evaluate the information and if deemed advisable submit a letterhead memorandum. Atlanta further stated that that office had furnished a summary of the information to the Bureau in order to justify Bureau authorization for expenses for source to make the trip.

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For the information of Atlanta, the following is set forth in order that Atlanta can pay informant accordingly as requested in referenced communication.

[redacted] mentioned by source is probably identical to [redacted] who resides in the Coushatta, La. area. [redacted] has been reported in the past to have attended National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) functions at Tucker, Georgia, and is also [redacted] at Coushatta.

[redacted] mentioned by source is probably [redacted] of the NKKKK group in the Coushatta area. [redacted] is a retired individual who [redacted] in the area. He has also been in attendance at NKKKK functions at Tucker, Ga., in the past.

[redacted] is probably identical to [redacted] of Coushatta who has also in the past attended Klan functions at Tucker, Ga.

For the information of Atlanta, there are two known NKKKK groups in the State of La., one being at Coushatta and the other at Shreveport, La. During the past months, the group at Coushatta has been traveling to Center, Texas, recruiting and as a result there is a group currently at Center, Texas. Information has been received from a New Orleans source that the NKKKK group at Coushatta in the future may subsequently leave the NKKKK and form their own Klan organization.

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[redacted] of Winnsboro, La., mentioned by source is [redacted] who has been [redacted] of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) in La. However, during the past few months several splits have occurred in the OKKKK with some of the members still supporting [redacted] while other members were supporting leaders of other factions in the OKKKK. Still other members primarily in southeast Louisiana have defected altogether from the state organization of the OKKKK and are operating independently.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 19, 1965

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on January 27, 1965, a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) was held at the American Legion Hall at Coushatta, Louisiana.

There were thirty-four Klansmen present, and the purpose of this meeting was the installation of new officers. There were in attendance two visitors from the State of Georgia at this meeting. These individuals were William Morris and Ira Debolt. [redacted] at this meeting.

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An individual by the name of [redacted] (first name unknown) was installed as [redacted] of this Klan unit and is described as about two hundred pounds, gray hair and wearing glasses. Other officers installed were a Mr. [redacted] whose first names are unknown.

This same confidential source stated that after the officers were installed, the visitor from Georgia by the name of [redacted] spoke on the need to obtain more members in order to retain white control over the local government. [redacted] said that each Klansman must be registered to vote and then spoke regarding the Knights of the White Camelia. [redacted] indicated that Coushatta, Louisiana, was allegedly the home and original birthplace of the Knights of the White Camelia.

This same source stated that there was another visitor to this meeting from Center, Texas, and that this person's name was Jim Singletary, who works for the Center Insurance Agency on St. Augustine Street, Center, Texas.

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This source added that according to [ ] a member of the NKKKK [ ] had met with the visitors from Georgia prior to this meeting. [ ] stated to this source that he told the visitors from Georgia that he had recently attended a meeting of the Klan at Tucker, Georgia, and that he did not think very highly of this meeting and that other Klansmen felt the same way. [ ] indicated that the Klan in Red River Parish, Louisiana, was all ready to unite with other Klan groups and would accept a strong leader.

This source added that [ ] of the Klan at Coushatta, allegedly also had a conference with the visitors from Georgia. [ ] who is [ ] of Red River Parish, stated that in this position he would be in a good position to control the voters list and said there were many dedicated Klansmen in the Coushatta, La. area who would use any means necessary to prevent Negroes from obtaining control of the local government.

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[ ] confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on January 29, 1965, a Klan meeting was held at Winnsboro, Louisiana. This meeting was led by [ ] who is a local resident of Winnsboro. There were thirty odd men present at this meeting. [ ] confidential source related that there were two visitors from Georgia by the name of [ ]

[ ] During this meeting [ ] explained to the members the various degrees of Klan Craft and that subsequently all of the men in attendance at this meeting paid \$5.00 and joined the Knights of the White Camelia which is Step No. 2 in Klan Craft. [ ] confidential source related that according to [ ] he had been contacted earlier on January 29, 1965, by [ ] [ ] stated he told these visitors from Georgia that he did not care for James R. Venable as the leader of the NKKKK and did not believe that Venable could unite all Klan groups into one organization. [ ] stated he did not feel unfriendly to law enforcement officers because he realized these officers had a job to do; however, if and when violence becomes necessary the Klan would have to stand alone in secret. [ ] said he also told these visitors that the Klan in Louisiana had some members who were capable

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and well trained and are presently training others in the use of judo and marksmanship which is to be used against the common enemy, Communism.

According to [ ] confidential source, [ ] related that [ ] claimed he was in touch with a man who had a contact in the Mafia who could be obtained to kill Martin Luther King for \$1,000.00. [ ] said when a job of this kind has to be done an outsider should be engaged and then any investigation would not reveal any connection with the Klan because Klansmen would not know anything about it.

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A characterization of the NKKKK and the OKKKK is set forth in the attached pages.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

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A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

APPENDIX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE  
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM. OO ATLANTA

RE NO TEL CALL MOBILE THREE EIGHT SIXTYFIVE.

ON THREE EIGHT INSTANT [REDACTED] ADVISED

HE WAS CONTACTED ABOUT THREE PM THIS DATE BY A [REDACTED] FULL  
NAME UNKNOWN, WHO SAID HE WAS FROM COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA, AND THAT  
THEY HAD RECEIVED A DISTRESS CALL FROM SELMA, ALABAMA, THAT THEY  
NEEDED HELP. HE WANTED TO GET SOMEONE TO LEAVE TONIGHT AND GO TO  
DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA, THEIR MEETING PLACE. INFORMANT TOLD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED W/M, FIVE

FEET TEN, [REDACTED], DARK HAIR, DRIVING GREEN PICKUP  
TRUCK, NO LICENSE INFORMATION. INFORMANT CONSIDERED THE NEED FOR  
HELP IN ALABAMA REFERRED TO THE NEGROES MARCHING FROM SELMA TO  
MONTGOMERY.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY  
FURNISHED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc., aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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Re Atlanta radiogram, 3/12/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven (7) copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies each of above LHM are enclosed herewith for Cincinnati and Cleveland.

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March 15, 1965

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.

On March 12, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available a leaflet which reads as follows:

"THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

"The Ku Klux Klan will picket on March 13, 1965 (UNESCO)

"United National, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

"We are ashamed of our Governor for allowing such a Country as Russia to put on such an exhibit in the Great State of Ohio.

"We of the Klan highly oppose such action therefore we would like our Governor to show which side of the Iron Curtain he is really on.

"There will be no Klansmens' Children ever to attend such a meeting as this. Any true American that loves their Country should never allow their children to attend this kind of meeting just for extra credits in school.

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"Why doesn't the school board concentrate to put the prayer back in the classroom? After all, "God" is still the most important credit to our Country.

"Our forefathers fought for this Country to keep it free and if the trend continues, history will repeat itself. We feel the Klan saved this great Country once before, and we will do it again with the help of God and all Americans.

"Stand up for America and  
be a man,  
Join the Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan."

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INCORPORATED

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., KKKK, Inc.), was incorporated on December 7, 1959, in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, on a petition signed by

[REDACTED]

A source advised on November 25, 1959, that at that time [REDACTED] were officials of the Jonesboro, Georgia, Unit of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[REDACTED] source stated in January, 1960, that Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., used the same ritual as the Klan chartered in 1916 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS. The same source advised in 1960 that Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had as its objectives the maintenance of white supremacy and segregation of the races.

[REDACTED] source reported in May, 1962, that the organization is no longer in existence, having merged into United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in July, 1961.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

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[redacted] source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

[redacted] source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

March 15, 1965

F. J. Baumgardner

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS



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This is an informative-type memorandum pertaining to action recently taken by officials of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) to form a new Klan organization aimed at promoting interest among former Klan members. The NKKKK, led by James Venable and which is headquartered in Tucker, Georgia, has approximately 25 members.

Venable commented to four leaders of the NKKKK that he had received "hundreds of letters from all parts of the country" seeking Klan data. Venable believes that now is the time for a new Klan group to emerge, utilizing the slogan "Let's All Come Back Home." The group of five Klan officials approved the distribution of a document bearing the name of the new Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK), Tucker, Georgia, setting out requirements for membership. Venable will hold the positions of Imperial Wizard and Secretary-Treasurer of the new Klan organization.

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The title, KKKK is not new since such a Klan was founded in 1915 in Georgia. The KKKK dominated Ku Klux Klan activities until 1944. Numerous attempts in the recent past to establish a national union of Klans under a single leader have been unsuccessful, mainly because of failure to agree on one head. Venable has been the most active in Klan unification plans. Appropriate offices have been previously allotted to these attempts. Atlanta is staying on top of this most recent effort by officials of the NKKKK.

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None. For information.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RACIAL MATTERS.  
 OO ATLANTA.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED ON MARCH 12, INSTANT, LEAFLET  
 ANNOUNCING CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WILL PICKET AN EXHIBIT  
 OF UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
 ORGANIZATION ON MARCH 13, NEXT. LOCATION OF PICKETING  
 NOT STATED, HOWEVER, TEXT OF LEAFLET CONTAINS FOLLOWING  
 STATEMENT: "WE ARE ASHAMED OF OUR GOVERNOR FOR ALLOWING  
 SUCH A COUNTRY AS RUSSIA TO PUT ON SUCH AN EXHIBIT IN THE  
 GREAT STATE OF OHIO."

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~~General Investigative Division~~From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
OF OHIO, INC.☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum. Two copies are being designated for the U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, and two copies for the U.S. Secret Service, Cincinnati. Also, one copy is being enclosed for Atlanta, for information.

On 3/6/65, [redacted] District 1, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, furnished information to SA [redacted] of the Cincinnati FBI Office.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER, CIA, USIF,  
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Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 10, 1965

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
OF OHIO, INCORPORATED

The following article appeared in the "Cincinnati Enquirer" on March 7, 1965. The "Cincinnati Enquirer" is a newspaper of daily circulation in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area:

**"Klan Pickets Russians**

"Four men, including one Cincinnati, who identified themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan picketed the Russian Health Exhibit at Music Hall Saturday.

"Police said the men, all wearing the Klan robes, were Flynn Harvey, Columbus, Ohio, the grand dragon; William K. Smith, Grove City, Ohio; Curtis Rose, Hamilton, and Lawrence Mink, 3590 Cooper Rd., Blue Ash.

"The men carried signs reading 'America for Americans', and circulated handbills which read:

" 'In Vietnam the Communists are killing our boys every day and at the same time our government welcomes them to the great State of Ohio with open arms.

" 'We're ashamed of the government for allowing the Russians to exhibit in this country. We of the Klan oppose such actions and would like to know which side of the Iron Curtain the governor is on.'

"The handbills also said the Klan wanted 'prayers back in the classroom,' and urged people to join the Klan.

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OF OHIO, INCORPORATED

"The leaflets were signed by the Grand Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Mr. Flynn, the grand dragon, was dressed in red robes and hood, the other three were garbed in white robes and hoods. None were masked.

"Police said the four men picketed for about an hour together with members of the States Rights Party. No incidents occurred."

On March 6, 1965, [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, advised a Special Agent of the FBI as follows:

At approximately 4:15 P.M., March 6, 1965, a group of four white men and one white woman started picketing the Cincinnati Music Hall where there is a current medical exhibition on display under auspices of the Russian government. The men were dressed in traditional Klan robes and hoods, but their faces were not covered. The men were identified by the leader of the group, who holds the title of Grand Dragon, and who wore a red robe, as follows:

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that his organization was in the City of Cincinnati to display their attitude towards the Russian government. The pickets carried signs on staffs expressing their feelings, and passed out handbills

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OF OHIO, INCORPORATED

with Klan literature and other national problems. [redacted] also stated that he expected a group of unidentified sympathizers to gather and join in the picketing and that the men were well instructed to avoid violence and to disregard any insults. The unidentified sympathizers never made an appearance. In addition, [redacted] said he expected the "Grand Imperial Wizard" from Atlanta, Georgia, to fly into Cincinnati from Atlanta, however, the Grand Imperial Wizard apparently was delayed in Atlanta and never did make an appearance.

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The above group departed from their picketing area about 5:20 P.M., and according to [redacted], they had no further plans to return after today.

[redacted] advised that no incidents took place.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and a characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio are contained in the appendix.

A P P E N D I X

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKK)

On October 8, 1964, [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by Flynn R. Harvey, Grand Dragon. Flynn R. Harvey, 418 Josephine Drive, Columbus, Ohio; William K. Smith, 3482 Maple Grove Drive, Grove City, Ohio; and Bobby J. Stephens, 2973 Reaver Avenue, Grove City, Ohio, are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Organization was on the U.S. Attorney General's subversive list. [redacted] said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list, but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE  
FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-188/ 1P

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM. 00 ATLANTA  
RE MY TEL TODAY.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT  
WITH [REDACTED] COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA. [REDACTED]  
CLAIMS HE DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED] AND THAT NO ONE FROM COUSHATTA,  
LA., GOING TO ALABAMA.

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**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS**

Reurlet 3-10-65 pointing out that Tampa is office of origin in the case entitled "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" (KKKK) and a group bearing a similar name was being organized by officials of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in Georgia.

The point made by Tampa to the effect that confusion may possibly result in reporting investigations of the two unrelated groups is well taken. A review of current information furnished by Tampa concerning the KKKK in Florida indicated that for the most part it is inactive and weekly meetings are attended by a few former Klan members. The KKKK in Georgia is still in the planning stages with numerous leads to appropriate field offices still outstanding.

To avoid confusion, all future correspondence concerning the potential new Klan group submitted by Atlanta, the office of origin, should include in the caption the name of the State, Georgia. Atlanta should so advise all appropriate offices. In future correspondence pertaining to the small group in Florida, which still utilizes the name KKKK, the name of the State, Florida, should be included in the caption.

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**NOTE:** Recently five officials of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan took steps to form a new Klan called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of uniting all Klan groups. An informative-type memo has previously been sent up and leads have been sent to several offices. If this group becomes active, confusion could exist since a small unrelated group in Florida still utilize the name KKKK.

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## LEADS:

## DALLAS DIVISION:

## AT CENTER, TEXAS

Will follow and report pertinent activity in the Center,  
Texas, area.

## NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

## AT COUSHATTA, LA.

- 1) Will conduct necessary investigation and through contacts

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with informants and sources determine identities of additional leaders, active members, and those members who are prone to violence.

2) Will attempt to develop further information regarding the allegation of weapons and explosives in possession of Klan members.

3) Will attempt to locate the cellar described in the details of this report.

AT SHREVEPORT, LA.

1) Will maintain contact with informants and sources regarding the activities, identities of new members, and those members who are prone to violence.

2) Will at Texaco, Inc., inquire as to whether they have a truck described in details of this report and bearing the number 

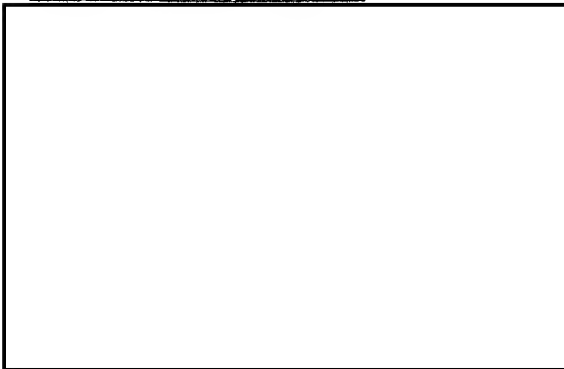
3) Will ascertain if this truck is assigned to anyone individual to operate.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will continue to follow and report pertinent activity of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The matter involving the alleged Klan action in regards to the killing of [redacted] mentioned in the details of this report is also the subject of a pending investigation in the New Orleans Division in an effort to determine [redacted] current whereabouts. (New Orleans file # 157-3292).

The New Orleans Division is presently conducting a "Theft of Government Property" investigation relating to the possibility that the machine guns allegedly in possession of [redacted] Coushatta, La., which is set forth in the details of this report, may be a violation of the TGP statute, as well as the NFA. (New Orleans file # 52-5306). The Bureau is being kept advised of the progress of this investigation, therefore results of investigation conducted to date are not being set forth in this report.

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Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Title:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character:

RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Synopsis:

Activity of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is centered in Northwest Louisiana at Coushatta and Shreveport, La. [redacted]

[redacted] of Coushatta identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] who attended National meeting of organization held January, 1965, at Tucker, Ga.

[redacted] identified as [redacted]  
Shreveport, La. Klan members at Coushatta in contact with Klan members from Center, Texas. Members alleged to be attempting to identify [redacted] a Negro, in order to kill [redacted] Members in Coushatta, La., and Center, Texas also alleged to be in possession of weapons and explosives. Klan group at Shreveport reported to consist of 16 members.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the NKKKK, is set forth in the appendix section of this report.



I. IDENTITY OF LEADERS IN LOUISIANA, AND  
CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

[ ] advised on January 25, 1965, that on January 23, 24, 1965, a national meeting of the NKKKK was held at Tucker, Georgia.

[ ] further advised that [ ] in the NKKKK, and was to assist in organizing the next meeting to be held in May in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization.

[ ] advised on February 3, 1965 that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit, held on February 3, 1965 at Shreveport, Louisiana, [ ]

[ ] made the following statement. [ ] stated he had recently visited with [ ]

[ ] from Coushatta, Louisiana, who remarked that the NKKKK groups at Coushatta and Shreveport, Louisiana, would at some time in the future pull away from the NKKKK, however, JAMES VENABLE, the leader of the NKKKK of Atlanta Georgia, would not be notified of this decision until after the next meeting to be held at Tucker, Georgia.

[ ] further related to [ ] that after the Klan Units at Coushatta and Shreveport, Louisiana, officially leave the NKKKK, they will set up their own Klan organization with the headquarters at Coushatta, Louisiana, and that [ ] would be in charge of this new Klan organization. According to [ ] further related that this new Klan organization would operate in Mississippi, Louisiana, East Texas, and part of Arkansas, and that each Klavern would consist of 10 to 15 members. The heads of each Klavern would then meet for a particular area, and the leaders of these areas would in turn hold a meeting until the chain of command reached [ ] and Klansmen of these various groups would not know each other.

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II. AT COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

A. Leaders and Organizational Meeting Places

[ ] advised on January 8, 1965, that [ ] the Klan at Coushatta. New members are charged \$15 initiation fee and [ ] gets to keep \$4 of this amount.

[ ] further advised on January 8, 1965, that the Klan group at Coushatta has been meeting on alternating weekends at Coushatta, Louisiana, and Center, Texas. On January 3, 1965, a meeting was held at Center, Texas, at which approximately 50 persons from Coushatta attended.

[ ] further related that the Coushatta Klan group has been holding their meetings either in the Court-house at Coushatta, or in an open field located adjacent to United States Highway 71, near Coushatta.

[ ] advised on January 29, 1965, that a meeting of the NKKKK group was held on January 27, 1965, at the American Legion Hall at Coushatta, Louisiana. There was only a small group present, however, two visitors were present at this meeting, and claimed to be representatives of JAMES VENABLE of Tucker, Georgia.

[ ] further stated that these visitors gave a talk on Communism and used a 1928 edition of the "Daily Worker" in an attempt to show that the Communists are about to take over the United States. These two individuals stated that if leaders of the integration movement and their families are threatened, these same individuals would not force integration on the people.

[ ] advised that on January 27, 1965, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at the American Legion Hall at Coushatta, Louisiana:

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There were 34 Klansmen present, and the purpose of this meeting was the installation of new officers. There were in attendance two visitors from the State of Georgia at this meeting. These individuals were [redacted]

[redacted] at this meeting. *of Subject Organization*

An individual by the name of [redacted] (first name unknown) was installed as [redacted] of this Klan unit and is described as about two hundred pounds, gray hair, and wearing glasses. Other officers installed were [redacted] whose first names are unknown.

[redacted] stated that after the officers were installed, the visitor from Georgia by the name of [redacted] spoke on the need to obtain more members in order to retain white control over the local government. [redacted] said that each Klansman must be registered to vote and then spoke regarding the Knights of the White Camellia. [redacted] indicated that Coushatta, Louisiana, was allegedly the home and original birthplace of the Knights of the White Camellia.

[redacted] stated that there was another visitor to this meeting from Center, Texas, and that this person's name was [redacted] who works for [redacted] Center, Texas.


[redacted] added that according to [redacted] a member of the NKKKK, MORGAN had met with the visitors from Georgia prior to this meeting. [redacted] stated to this source that he told the visitors from Georgia that he had recently attended a meeting of the Klan at Tucker, Georgia, and that he did not think very highly of this meeting and that other Klansmen felt the same way. [redacted] indicated that the Klan in Red River Parish, Louisiana, was all ready to unite with other Klan groups and would accept a strong leader.

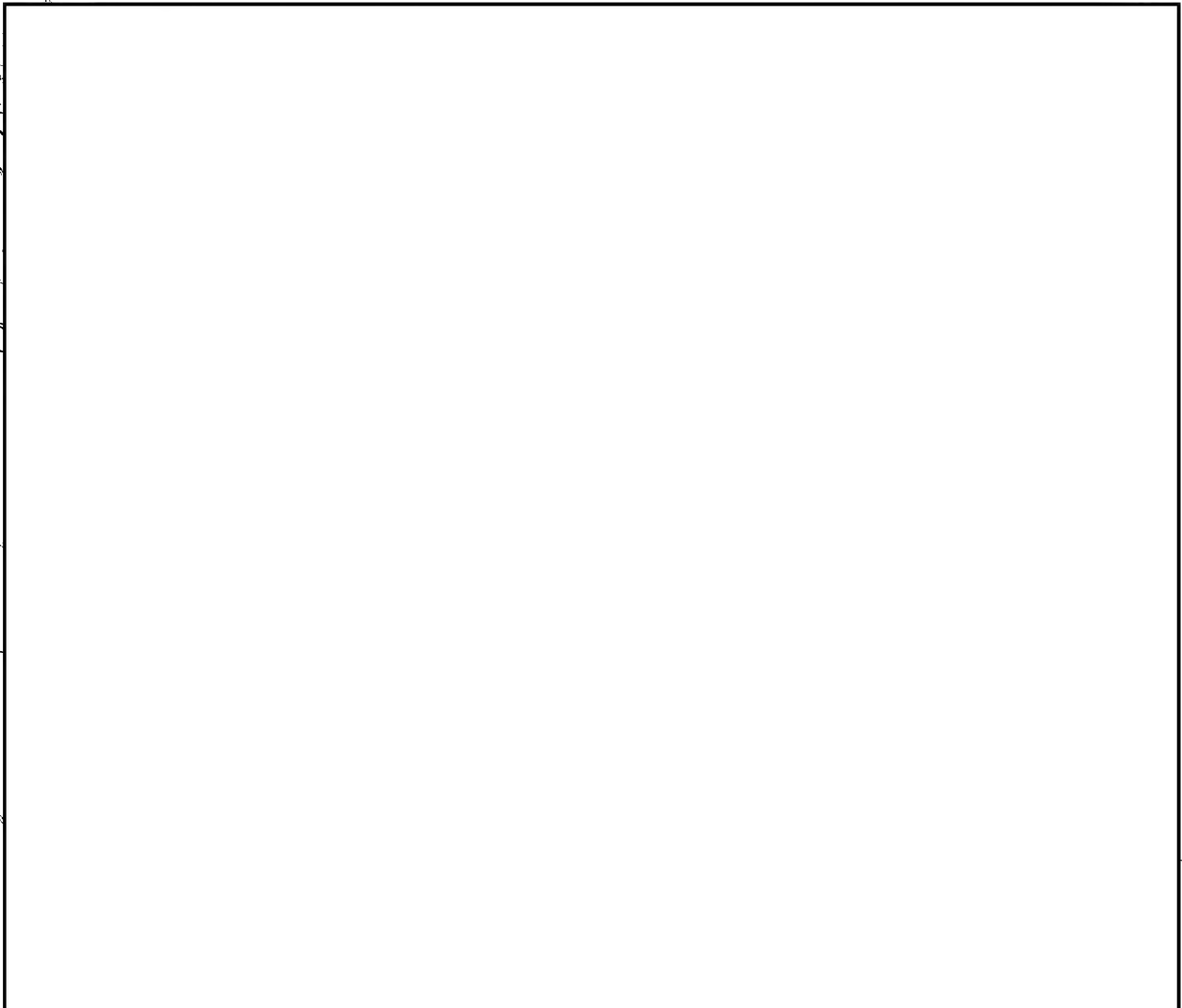
[redacted] added that [redacted] of the Klan at Coushatta, allegedly also had a conference with the visitors from Georgia. [redacted] of Red River Parish, Louisiana, stated that in this position he

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would be in a good position to control the voters list and said there were many dedicated Klansmen in the Coushatta, Louisiana area who would use any means necessary to prevent Negroes from obtaining control of the local government.

 advised on February 24, 1965 that the following individuals have been observed at Klan meetings at Coushatta, Louisiana:



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B. Activities Relating to PETE WASHINGTON

[redacted] advised on January 8, 1965, that [redacted]  
[redacted] a Klan member from Center, Texas, was to meet  
with [redacted] by the name  
[redacted] stated that [redacted] is  
alleged to be [redacted] and is believed  
employed [redacted] in Leesville, Louisiana.

On January 28, 1965, Sheriff JOHN O. CRAFT, Vernon  
Parish Sheriff's Office, Leesville, Louisiana, advised  
SA [redacted] and his family,  
[redacted] request were taken into protective custody  
on the night of January 8, 1965. They were held in jail  
overnight and released on the following morning. He advised  
[redacted] boarded a bus for Natchitoches, Louisiana, but he  
was not sure if [redacted] went with him. He  
advised he heard that [redacted] returned to the "Crossings",  
(the Negro section of Leesville, Louisiana), the weekend of  
January 16, 1965, but was requested to leave the area by the  
Negro leaders of the community as they did not want any  
trouble. [redacted] advised he had no idea where [redacted] was  
at the present time.

[redacted] advised on February 24, 1965, that he had  
developed information that on February 20, 1965, [redacted]  
of Center, Texas, a [redacted] of Joaquin, Texas, had  
traveled to Natchitoches, Louisiana, and met with [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that [redacted] had been observed  
in the past at Klan meetings at Center, Texas, and [redacted] is  
a Klan member at Coushatta, Louisiana.

[redacted] stated the purpose of this trip was that  
[redacted] in  
Natchitoches where [redacted] however,  
did not know [redacted] is alleged to know  
[redacted] stated that the [redacted] individuals  
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[redacted] advised that he had determined that on [redacted] a Klansman from Center, Texas, had traveled to Zwolle, Louisiana, where he met with [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] to go with him to Natchitoches, Louisiana, at some future date in order to [redacted]

[redacted] advised on March 8, 1965, that no additional information has been developed regarding the [redacted]s whereabouts are unknown.

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C. Alleged Possession of Weapons and Explosives

[redacted] advised on January 13, 1965, that there is [redacted]

[redacted] is of the opinion that this is on the property of [redacted], Coushatta, Louisiana, who he described [redacted] the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

On January 11, 1965, [redacted] advised that [redacted] Texas, has a farm on which he resides and on it are two barns. The barn [redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being active in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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On January 29, 1965, in connection with another investigation being conducted by Special Agents of the New Orleans office of the FBI, it was determined that the land located approximately four and one-tenth miles south of the intersection of U. S. Highway 71 and 84 at Coushatta, Louisiana, is [redacted] An examination of this area and in the immediate vicinity of the previously described oak tree, was conducted and no cellar was located.

[redacted] advised on February 17, 1965 that he had been informed that on [redacted] a klan member at Coushatta, Louisiana, had requested [redacted] also a Klan member, to come to his place of business, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] to Center, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana, for which [redacted] stated that according to [redacted]

[redacted] Center, Texas.

Thereafter [redacted] was to proceed to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he would meet with an unidentified individual at [redacted]

[redacted] located at the intersection [redacted] This unidentified person would be driving [redacted]

[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] further stated that he had learned from [redacted] that on [redacted] had shown to [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that he [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] a Klansman of Center, Texas, had traveled to Zwolle Louisiana, where he contacted [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] the purpose of this trip was to show [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] drove to the vicinity of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that he had received information that [REDACTED] had decided not to go to Coughatta

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on February 24, 1965, that according to [REDACTED] of Center, Texas, and [REDACTED] of Joaquin, Texas, [REDACTED] in Coughatta

[REDACTED] remarked that attempts had been made to

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[redacted] stated that according to [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised on February 25, 1965, that, according to [redacted] of Center, Texas, some of the [redacted] from Fort Polk, Louisiana. [redacted] stated that according to the [redacted]

[redacted] to Center, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised on March 8, 1965 that, according to [redacted] of Center, Texas, they had contacted [redacted] and wanted [redacted] at Coushatta. [redacted] did not [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

AT FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

On March 3, 1965, T/Sgt. [redacted] Operations Sergeant, Provost Marshal's Office, advised he was quite sure there were no sub-machine guns on the Fort Polk reservation, but that there might possibly be some "grease guns" in storage somewhere on the reservation. He advised this information would probably be available through the Criminal Investigation Division.

On March 4, 1965, Captain [redacted] Commanding Officer, 50th CID, advised that he has determined that the only "grease guns" at Fort Polk were five such weapons allocated to the Military Police Detachment. He stated he personally had these weapons inventoried, and all were accounted for.

On March 4, 1965, T/Sgt. [redacted], advised he went through records of missing weapons at Fort Polk during the year 1964-65, and noted that there are missing reports pending on two M-1 rifles, one .30 caliber carbine, four .45 caliber pistols, and three M-14 rifles. All of the weapons are semi-automatic in nature.

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III. AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Following an outdoor rally of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) held on October 29, 1964, which was located on U. S. Highway 80, near Princeton, Louisiana, Agents of the New Orleans Office of the FBI observed the following license numbers on automobiles which pulled out of the field and on to U. S. Highway 80 and headed west towards Shreveport, Louisiana:

1964-1965 Louisiana [redacted]  
1964-1965 Louisiana [redacted]  
1964-1965 Louisiana [redacted]

Agents also observed the following license numbers on cars on U. S. Highway 80 heading west after the meeting which may have been persons attending the meeting:

1964-1965 Louisiana [redacted]  
1964-1965 Louisiana [redacted]

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On November 3, 1964 [redacted] Troop G, Louisiana State Police, Shreveport, advised that the records of his agency contain the following information:

[redacted] 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, on a 1961 Ford.

[redacted] 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, on a 1963 Ford.

[redacted] 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, on a 1955  
Oldsmobile.

[redacted] 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] Homer, Louisiana.

[redacted] 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana.

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#### MEETINGS

[redacted] advised on various dates from October 28, 1964, through March 3, 1965, that the following meetings of the Shreveport Unit of the NKKKK were held on the dates indicated:

Date	Type	Place	Attendance	Date Received
10/27/64	Closed	Pik-Nik Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana	[redacted]	10/28/64
11/10/64	"	"	unknown	11/13/64
12/8/64	"	"	[redacted]	12/14/64
1/7/65	"	Residence of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Shreveport, La.		1/15/65
2/3/65	"	"		2/3/65
2/9/65	"	Pik-Nik Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana		2/9/65
2/16/65	"	Residence of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Shreveport, La.		2/17/65
3/2/65	"	"		3/3/65

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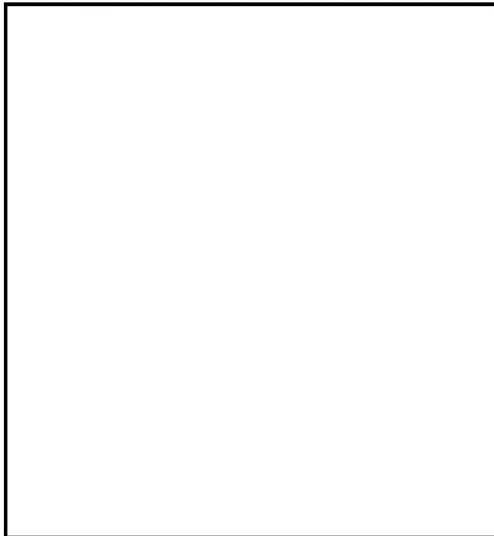
[redacted] advised on October 28, 1964, that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit held on October 27, 1964, a discussion was held regarding the preparation for the rally to be held at Princeton, Louisiana, on October 29, 1964. The discussion centered around the construction of the crosses to be burned at this rally. It was pointed out that a local Shreveport television station would be notified of this rally in the event that this station desired to take photographs.

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[ ] advised on December 14, 1964, that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit on December 8, 1964, a discussion was held as to what action should be taken in the event members were contacted by the FBI. It was agreed that members should be courteous to the FBI and listen to what the FBI had to say and in this way the members might learn who was furnishing information to the FBI. The members agreed not to furnish any information if contacted by the FBI.

[ ] advised on February 6, 1965, that the following are members of the Shreveport Unit of the NKKKK:



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[ ] advised on February 9, 1965, that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit held on the same date, a conversation regarding the burning of crosses was held. It was agreed that in the future if any crosses were burned, they should be burned in areas where they could be seen by many individuals. It was suggested that locations such as the intersection of Louisiana Highway 1 and 70th Street, as well as the intersection of the New Red River Bridge near the Broadmoor Junior High School, would be ideal locations.

[ ] advised on February 17, 1965, that the Shreveport Unit now consists of 16 members and that [ ] of this unit wants to bring the membership up to 20 persons. [ ] has said he is afraid to do this

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[redacted] from Coushatta, Louisiana, wants to have a new unit formed which would operate independently with none of the members of each unit knowing the identities of the members of the other unit.

[redacted] advised on March 3, 1965, that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit held on March 2, 1965, a discussion was held regarding the forthcoming appearance of Methodist Bishop KENNEDY to Centenary College in Shreveport. This discussion centered around what action should be taken in connection with Bishop KENNEDY's visit, including whether the meetings at which Bishop KENNEDY should speak should be picketed or crosses burned or whether Bishop KENNEDY should be heckled at these meetings. [redacted] stated that nothing definite was settled, however, there was the possibility that in the future several crosses might be burned in front of the residence of some of the Methodist leaders in Shreveport, including the pastor of the First Methodist Church.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] advised in February, 1965, that according to [redacted] a member of a klan-type organization at Center, Texas, the klan was going to start running the Chief of Police of Center, Texas, out of office and out of town. [redacted] related the klan on the evening of February 23, 1965, was going to plant a bomb under the Chief's house, not with the intention to cause any injury to anyone but that the bomb would probably cause some damage to the Chief's residence.

[redacted] advised that according to [redacted] the klan had previously burned a cross in front of the Chief's house at Center, Texas, during the weekend of February 19, 1965.



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Title            NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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Character       RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

Reference       New Orleans report of SA [redacted]  
                 [redacted] dated March 31, 1965,  
                 and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability and whose reliability may be questionable.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 4/5/65

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT:

*OKnight's of The Ku Klux Klan Inc.*

KLAN ORGANIZATION

CINCINNATI DIVISION

BUDED: 4/16/65 - Organization Report

BUDED: 5/7/65 - Individual Report

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In connection with previous instructions issued by Bureau, the Cincinnati Office will submit organizational report of NKKKK of Ohio, Inc., by 4/16/65, and individual summary reports on the following individuals by 5/7/65:



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UACB, a report will not be submitted regarding [redacted] since his membership has been terminated by other officers in the Klan. For information of Bureau [redacted] has been source of information for Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, and suspicions on the part of Klan officers in this regard has resulted in his expulsion from the organization.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WILL MEET  
 AT TUCKER, GEORGIA, APRIL 10-11 NEXT.

ALL OFFICES WILL ADVISE ATLANTA OF AVAILABILITY OF  
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SUBJECT:

KLAN ORGANIZATION  
CINCINNATI DIVISION  
RM

OF THE Ku Klux KLAN

In view of the national publicity concerning the Ku Klux Klan and specifically the recent cross burning in front of the negro's residence in Cincinnati, Ohio (this information furnished Bureau in LHM under separate communication), the Bureau is requested to authorize interview of following Klan officers and members residing within the Cincinnati Division:

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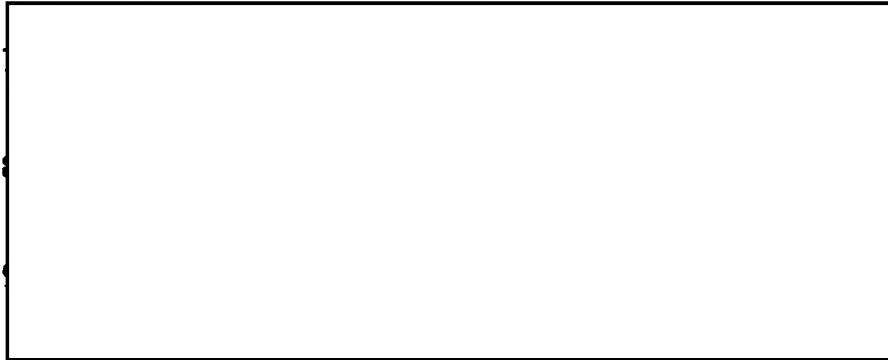
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*MEMBER of National States Rights Party*



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It is felt if the Bureau authorizes interview of these individuals on a periodic basis, each would be fully aware that the FBI is maintaining a close watch on their activities and participation in above listed organizations. It is further believed that if these individuals are made constantly aware of the FBI's interest in their activities, each will think twice before he becomes a part of any proposed action to violate another citizen's civil rights.

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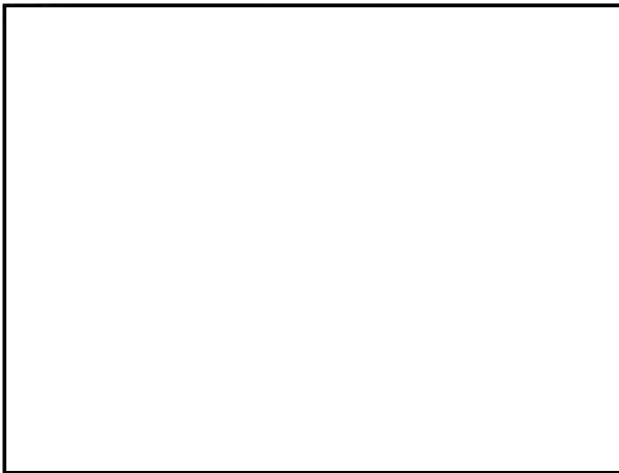
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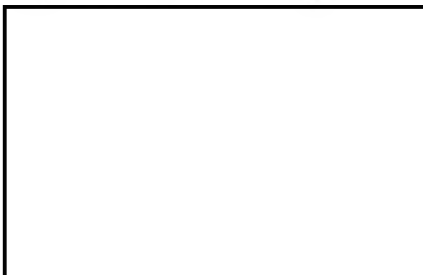
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

*James R. Venable*  
Headquarters of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., located at second floor of Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Rd. and Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Ga. Chartered 11/1/63 in DeKalb County, Ga., as a patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order. The organization is anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-foreign born. JAMES R. VENABLE is chairman. Organization is a coalition of member Klan groups and an effort by VENABLE to unite all groups under his leadership. Units of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., located at Columbus, Ohio, and Coushatta and Shreveport, La. Remaining members are separate Klan groups. Activities of Klaverns set forth. At National meeting held January, 1965, it was decided to have three National meetings each year.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is contained in the appendix of this report.

I. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

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National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is an effort by JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman, to unite all Klan groups under his leadership. It is a coalition of Klan groups, most of which are small. Member Klan groups include:

Association of Georgia Klans;

Association of South Carolina Klans;

Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (from Chattanooga, Tennessee);

United Florida Ku Klux Klan;

U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.;

Federated Klans (out of existence);

Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
(from Louisiana)

March 20, 1964)

Characterizations of the above organizations are included in the appendix of this report.

A. HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is located on the second floor of the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road at Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia.

October 12, 1964)

The headquarters building at Tucker contains a number of cots, beds and a kitchen. It is similar to an

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Elks Club or Moose Hall. JAMES R. VENABLE has taken a fifteen-year lease on the property with an option to renew for another fifteen years. Substantial money was spent on renovating the premises.

[REDACTED] March 25, 1964)

The post office box utilized by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Tucker, Georgia, is 107.

[REDACTED] September 14, 1964)

B. CHARTER INFORMATION

A meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held at the National Headquarters, Tucker, Georgia, September 6, 1964, at which JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman, announced to the group that he had incorporated the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), and he stated it is being operated as a separate Klan, the same as the other Klans enjoying membership in the National group.

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[REDACTED] September 16, 1964)

The NKKKK was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

C. OBJECTIVES

The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order.

In December, 1963, the NKKKK issued the statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-foreign born.

[REDACTED] December, 1963)

D. NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS

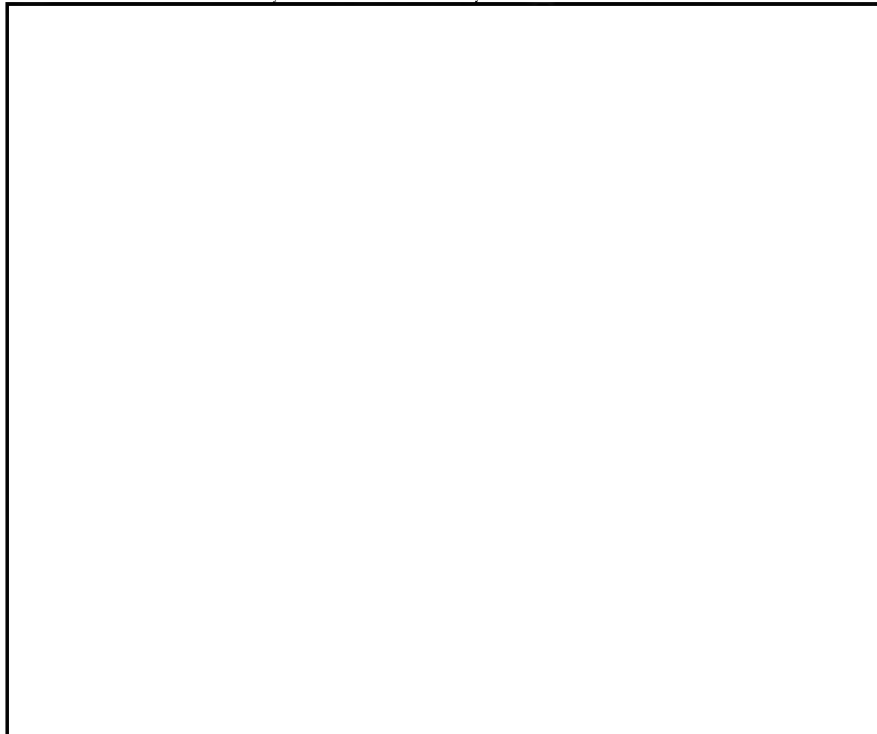


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On September 6, 1964, the following officers of the NKKK were elected to serve for a period of one year effective that date:

*Georgia*  
*Louisian*

JAMES R. VENABLE, Atlanta, Chairman;



*Georgia*

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The new password is "Look up and grow."

[redacted] September 16, 1964)

At a National meeting of the NKKK on January 23-24, 1965, at the headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, a motion was made and passed that [redacted] of Louisiana be appointed [redacted] This chair had not been filled at the previous election.

[redacted], January 27, 1965)

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The "Columbus Evening Dispatch", a newspaper of general circulation in the Columbus, Ohio, area contained an article in its edition of October 7, 1964, stating that FLYNN R. HARVEY signed a form as agent of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc., reflecting he is Grand Dragon of that organization.

In July, 1964, [redacted] of Coushatta, Louisiana, was [redacted] Klan group known as the Ark-La-Tex, which organization is associated with the NKKK.

[redacted] July 7, 1964)

## II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

On October 7, 1964, the "Columbus Evening Dispatch", a newspaper of general circulation in the Columbus, Ohio, area, contained an article stating that incorporation papers were granted to an Ohio Ku Klux Klan by Secretary of State TED W. BROWN.

On October 5, 1964, the office of TED W. BROWN, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, certified the receipt of the Records of Incorporation and Miscellaneous Filings by [redacted] Grove City, Ohio, on behalf of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc. The place designated in the Articles of Incorporation as the principal office is Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation was formed are:

"Said Corporation is formed for the purpose of operating as a realm organization within the State of Ohio operating under and in accordance with the constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and said corporation existing by virtue and authority granted by a charter under the laws of the State of Georgia,

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said corporation being a corporation organized not for profit.

"Second: To promote patriotism towards our civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, protection for the happiness in the homes of our people, manhood, brotherhood and love among ourselves and liberty, justice and fraternity among our people, said purposes to be accomplished through a social, patriotic and benevolent association for the mutual benefit of all mankind."

The Articles of Incorporation were signed by the following individuals:

*Grand Dragon  
of Ohio*

*Flynn Harvey*  
FLYNN R. HARVEY  
418 Josephine Drive  
Columbus, Ohio

*Flynn Robert Harvey*

*6. approx 1915-*

WILLIAM K. SMITH  
3482 Maplegrove Drive  
Grove City, Ohio

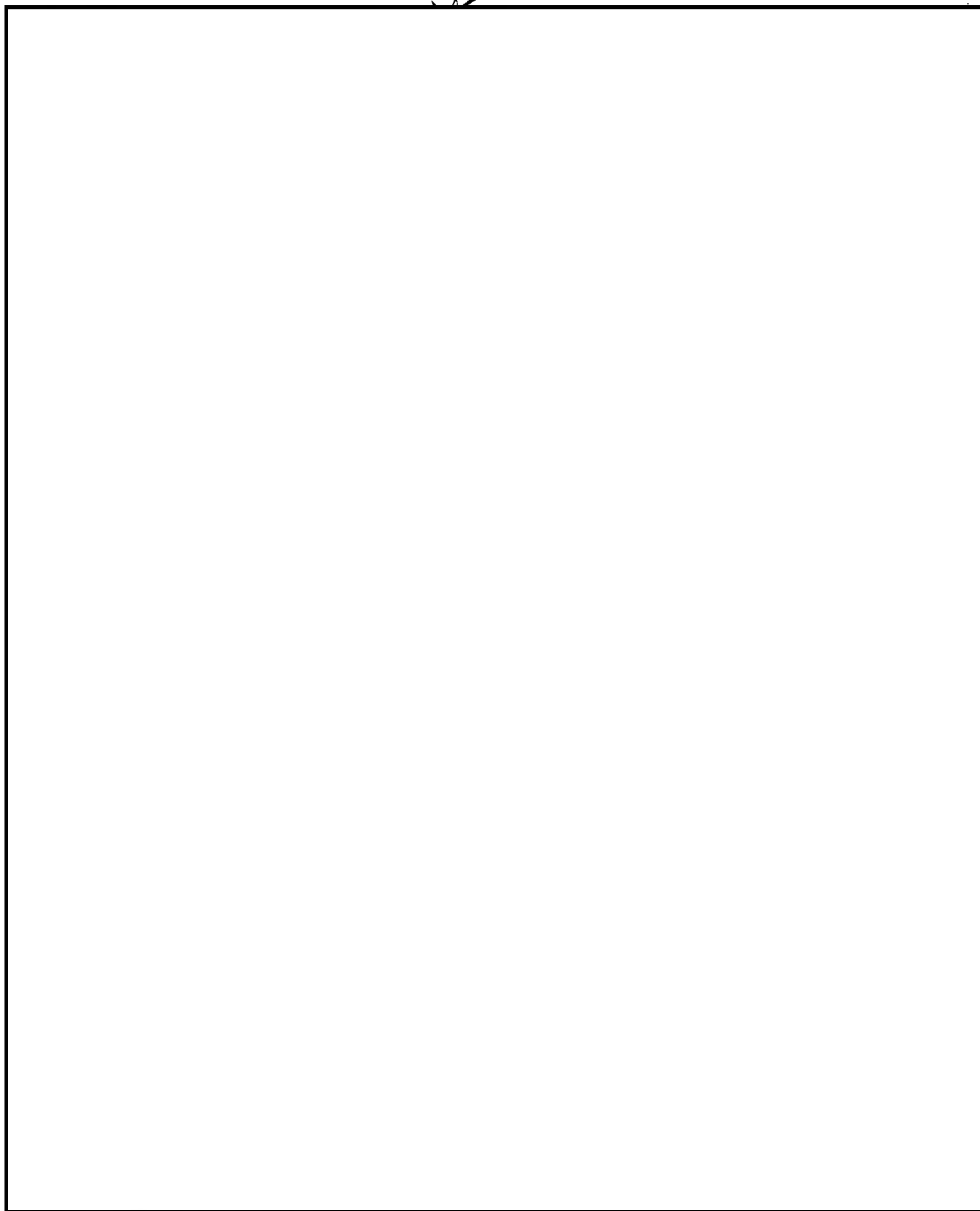
BOBBY J. STEPHENS  
2973 Reaver Lane  
Grove City, Ohio

A closed meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc., was held at the Airline Motel, Columbus, Ohio, on October 10, 1964. The following persons attended:



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The Klan group operating at Coushatta, Louisiana,  
of which [redacted] operates as a unit or Klavern  
of the NKKK. A Dr. ~~Y~~HANNA of Coushatta, Louisiana, is the

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second in command of this group and the geographical area covered by this group extends from the area surrounding Coushatta and the area of Longview, Texas.

[redacted] July 7, 1964)

On July 19, 1964, a meeting of this Klan group was held at the City Hall at Coushatta. It was attended by approximately 21 persons.

[redacted] July 20, 1964)

In September, 1964, the Coushatta Klan group had \$200 on hand.

[redacted] September 30, 1964)

A meeting of the Coushatta Klan group was held on January 27, 1965, at the American Legion Hall at Coushatta, Louisiana, and an individual by the name of (FNU)

[redacted] was installed as [redacted] of this unit.

He is described as about 200 pounds, gray hair and wearing glasses. Other officers installed were [redacted]

[redacted] January 27, 1965)

In August, 1964, [redacted] of Coushatta, Louisiana, indicated that Klan activity should be started in the Shreveport, Louisiana, area because of the forthcoming opening of schools.

[redacted] August 20, 1964)

On September 22, 1964, a meeting of the Shreveport, Louisiana, unit of the NKKK was held at the Pick-Nik Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, and the following officers were chosen:

[redacted] subg. organizat.  
Louisiana

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Louisiana

public organization

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] September 22, 1964)

On October 13, 1964, at a meeting of the same unit, [REDACTED] stated that if [REDACTED] did not return to Shreveport from Saginaw, Michigan, [REDACTED] would then take over as [REDACTED] of this unit.

[REDACTED] October 13, 1964)

In September, 1964, the membership of the Shreveport, Louisiana, unit of the NKKK consisted of 10 individuals and had \$12.50 on hand.

[REDACTED] September 30, 1964)

Although JAMES R. VENABLE has indicated he would like to organize another Klavern or unit of the NKKK in Georgia he has not done so. The units in Columbus, Ohio, and Coushatta and Shreveport, Louisiana, are the only Klaverns in the NKKK. All other member groups of NKKK are separate Klan groups having their own National and local officers.

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[REDACTED] March 25, 1965)

### III. ACTIVITY OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

The Klan group at Coushatta, Louisiana, meets every third Sunday at the Courthouse in Coushatta at 2:00 p.m. The sheriff at Coushatta has issued badges and identification cards to members of this group.

[REDACTED] July 9, 1964)

[REDACTED] stated at a meeting of the Coushatta unit held on July 19, 1964, at the City Hall in Coushatta that a fund had been established to send agitators from

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Georgia and North Carolina "up north" in order to agitate. [redacted] stated that if a Grand Jury should be impaneled in the Coushatta area regarding racial matters there would be at least two Klan members on this Grand Jury who would keep the Klan advised as to what was going on.

[redacted] July 20, 1964)

The following meetings in the number and attendance of the Shreveport unit of the NKKK were held on the dates indicated. These meetings were held at the Pick-Nik Store owned and operated by CHARLES CHRISTMAS, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/20/64	Open	Pick-Nik Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana	[redacted]
9/3/64	Closed	"	
9/8/64	Closed	"	
9/22/64	Closed	"	
9/29/64	Closed	"	
10/13/64	Closed	"	
10/15/64	Closed	"	

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[redacted] August through  
October, 1964)

At a meeting of the Shreveport unit on August 20, 1964, members were cautioned they should not burn any crosses or take direct action against integration but should obtain

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all details regarding persons involved in any integration movement. Instructions as to what action, if any, should be taken would have to be received from Coushatta, Louisiana. At this meeting, the members were informed that their unit was associated with the Klan organization headed by JAMES VENABLE. They were also informed there would be a \$10 initiation fee plus an additional \$10 for their robes and hoods which are made at Coushatta, Louisiana.

[redacted] August 20, 1964)

On October 15, 1964, the Shreveport unit decided on a tentative date of October 29, 1964, for an open-air rally and cross burning near Fillmore, Louisiana. At the same meeting, the members were informed that the issuance of membership cards had been discontinued.

[redacted] October 15, 1964)

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At a meeting of the Shreveport unit on October 26, 1964, it was announced that a rally was to be held on the evening of October 29, 1964, along Highway 80 near Fillmore, Louisiana. It was anticipated that Klansmen from the areas of Coushatta and Monroe, Louisiana, as well as the area of Atlanta, Texas would attend this rally.

[redacted] October 26, 1964)

On October 29, 1964, a Klan rally held in a vacant field on the south side of U. S. Highway 80, Princeton, Louisiana, was observed by Special Agents of the FBI. Twelve to fifteen cars were parked in the vacant field. At 7:40 p.m., a white cloth sign 10' by 3' was hung on the fence behind 4 flares which had been placed on the side of the highway near the vacant field. The sign had red letters which read, "Johnson, Jenkins and Humphrey. It takes three to tango." A smaller sign 3' by 3' to the west appeared to be a caricature of President JOHNSON and had the words, "Me King", on it. At 8:05 p.m., 20-25 robed and



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hooded figures gathered on the vacant field in full view of the highway. At 8:12 p.m., 5 crosses were observed burning in front of the men in the field. The largest cross was 8' tall with a 5' crosspiece. The 4 smaller ones were about 4' tall with 4' crosspieces. While the crosses burned, the hooded figures stood in a semi-circle facing the highway and a total of 31 men were counted. At 8:20 p.m., the men broke the semi-circle, gathered in a group at the back of the field, then formed in pairs and marched counter-clockwise within the area of the burning crosses. They then formed a single line across the front of the area behind the signs and facing the highway. At approximately 9:00 p.m., a photographer started taking pictures of the group as they held their signs. The group began breaking up at 9:15 p.m. and departed at 9:25 p.m. There appeared to be no formal program and no speeches were made.

The following article appeared in the "Cincinnati Enquirer", a newspaper of daily circulation in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, on March 7, 1965. The article was captioned:

"Klan Pickets Russians

"Four men, including one Cincinnati, who identified themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan picketed the Russian Health Exhibit at Music Hall Saturday.

"Police said the men, all wearing the Klan robes, were Flynn Harvey, Columbus, Ohio, the grand dragon; William K. Smith, Grove City, Ohio; Curtis Rose, Hamilton, and Lawrence Mink, 3590 Cooper Rd., Blue Ash.

"The men carried signs reading 'America for Americans', and circulated handbills which read:

"'In Vietnam the Communists are killing our boys every day and at the same time our government welcomes them to the great State of Ohio with open arms.

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"We're ashamed of the government for allowing the Russians to exhibit in this country. We of the Klan oppose such actions and would like to know which side of the Iron Curtain the governor is on."

"The handbills also said the Klan wanted 'prayers back in the classroom', and urged people to join the Klan.

"The leaflets were signed by the Grand Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Mr. Flynn, the grand dragon, was dressed in red robes and hood, the other three were garbed in white robes and hoods. None were masked.

"Police said the four men picketed for about an hour together with members of the States Rights Party. No incidents occurred."

A characterization of the National States Rights Party is included in the appendix of this report.

Sergeant [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, advised that a group of four white men and one white woman started picketing the Cincinnati Music Hall where there is a current medical exhibition on display under auspices of the Russian government. The men were dressed in traditional Klan robes and hoods, but their faces were not covered. The men were identified by the leader of the group, who holds the title of Grand Dragon and who wore a red robe, as follows:

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IV. FINANCES

On September 6, 1964, at a breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. at the headquarters of the NKKK in Tucker, Georgia, it was announced that the balance in the treasury after all bills were paid was \$95.44.

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[REDACTED] September 16, 1964)

Initiation fee for membership into the NKKK is \$15 and dues are \$2 a month.

[REDACTED] March 25, 1964)

V. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

An article appearing in the "Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, for April 10, 1964, entitled "Klan Using Mails for Call to Arm", reflects an Atlanta attorney, JAMES R. VENABLE, is pursuing the same anti-Negro, anti-Jew, anti-Government goals under the following names:

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.;

Defensive Legion of Registered Americans;

Committee of One Million Caucasians to  
March on Congress.

According to the article, the group says in mail pamphlets that it is determined to become once again the dominant political force in our country. The "Defensive Legion", whose slogan is "We're taking back our country", urges patriots to buy rifles, shotguns, pistols, walkie-talkies and food supplies for war. It says the people are

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the Government and urges defiance against tyrannical government.

The "Committee of One Million" seeks contributions for a big march on the nation's capitol to present Congress with a list of demands.

The document of the "Defensive Legion" urging citizens to arm themselves at one point says "Blood will surely flow in the streets, let it flow. Let us arm our homes to make sure that Negro-Jew blood flows--not ours."

Characterizations of the Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress and the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans are included in the appendix of this report.

In November, 1963, NKKKK distributed a pamphlet which states it is a message from JAMES R. VENABLE on the program and purposes of the NKKKK. The pamphlet warns that race riots are inevitable and for the second time since 1866 the issue to be decided is whether or not the purity of the white Caucasian race will continue to exist, not only in America but all over the world. The pamphlet states that the Ku Klux Klan has already saved America from a mulatto citizenship and it stands ready to do it again. The pamphlet also states that the Klan does not hate. It states it is not anti-Catholic but pities all Catholics and their "papal enslavement". It is not anti-Negro. Instead, it is pro-white and will never consent to be ruled by an inferior race. The Klan is not anti-foreign born. It is pro-American and will only accept native-born Americans into membership. It states the Klan welcomes in America the members of the Nordic, Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic and the Gallic races, as classed as white Caucasians. However, the Great Melting Pot of our citizenry was never meant to be a "garbage can from the scum of Central Europe which numbers the bulk of the Slavics and the anti-Christians."

November 11, 1963)

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

[redacted] who resides near Bivins, Texas, and a member of the Association of Arkansas Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is included in the appendix of this report, was in frequent contact with Klan leaders at Coushatta, Louisiana, during 1964.

[redacted] has been attempting through [redacted] to get the Texarkana Klavern of the Association of Arkansas Klans to have close contact with the Klan group in Louisiana. [redacted] has indicated his desire to associate with the Louisiana Klansmen because they will, if necessary, engage in violent activity to prevent racial integration.

[redacted] October 1, 1964)

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A National meeting of the NKKK was held at the headquarters of this organization at Tucker, Georgia, on January 23 and 24, 1965. At the meeting on the night of January 23, 1965, various Klan leaders discussed the Klan activities in their areas and criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation for infiltrating the Klan. The general theme was that the Negroes had their organizations and the white people were entitled to theirs without the FBI intruding. At the meeting on January 24, 1965, a motion was made and passed that the NKKK meet only three times a year, that being in January, May and September, on the Labor Day weekend. A motion was also made and passed that Chairman JAMES R. VENABLE and [redacted] organize the next meeting in May, 1965, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the organization. Several delegates present suggested that the original constitution and by-laws of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan be used by the NKKK and the motion was made and passed that 200 copies each of important Klan documents, such as the constitution and by-laws, be printed to have on hand at the National Office to give to delegates and members.

The delegates in attendance and the Klans represented were as follows:

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS

[Redacted]

ARK-LA-TEX KLANS

[Redacted]

IMPROVED U. S. KLANS

[Redacted]

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

JAMES R. VENABLE;

[Redacted]

ORIGINAL KLANS OF LOUISIANA

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UNITED FLORIDA KLANS

Georgia

ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS

[redacted] January 27, 1965)

On March 14, 1964, a meeting of the NKKK was held at the headquarters in Tucker, Georgia. Twenty people were naturalized, including one from Los Angeles, California, and another from Tupelo, Mississippi. JAMES VENABLE said the new inductees would be a nucleus to organize Klaverns in their home areas.

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[redacted] March 25, 1964)

At a meeting held at Tucker, Georgia, on March 28, 1964, [redacted] and a person of strong anti-Negro and anti-Jewish feelings, recommended that everyone be armed and said that "Bullets, not ballots, will stop our enemies."

[redacted] April 13, 1964)

A meeting was held at Tucker, Georgia, on May 30, 1964, with approximately 75-100 people attending. Several new members were inducted and instructions were given on how to make a bomb from an electric light and gasoline.

[redacted] June 4, 1964)

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On September 5, 1964, a public rally sponsored by the NKKK was held on the property of JAMES R. VENABLE at the foot of Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia. A 25' cross was set afire and the opening speaker was JAMES R. VENABLE who indicated the Klan does not endorse any man for president of the United States but that with the men who are candidates he personally could not see voting for JOHNSON. He also said he could not tell people to disobey the new Civil Rights law but that any person could see it was wrong and something should be done about it.

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ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS (AGK)  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A source advised on January 11, 1961, that the AGK was organized by [redacted] in the spring of 1960, with mailing address of Post Office Box 41, Bloomingdale, Georgia. This source stated that AGK is a new organization and is not affiliated in any way with the old Association of Georgia Klans. It is patterned after the U. S. Klans, has the same general ritual and has the same titles for its Klavern officers. Most officers and members are former members of the U. S. Klans. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to fight integration and Communism by peaceful means, and it is opposed to any type of violence. This source said AGK is affiliated with the National Ku Klux Klan.

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLAN  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

[redacted] source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

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[redacted] source advised on April 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

[redacted] source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new Klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each State.

On May 13, 1959, Source stated that the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has active Klaverns in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. This informant advised attempts were made to organize Klaverns of this organization in Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, but the attempts at organization in these States have not been successful.

A Confidential Source advised during fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of [redacted] including [redacted] of Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., [redacted] of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the local chapter [redacted] and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and other acts of violence. These acts and meetings were reportedly closed and rank and

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Sources have reported [redacted] continually discusses commission of acts of violence, encourages such acts in relationship to integration, and boasts of having committed acts of violence. Information as to the "den" listed above and acts of violence boasted of by [redacted] have been unconfirmed.

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U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(U. S. KLANS)

A source advised on October 12, 1956, that [redacted] organized a new Klan group in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1953. This organization received a corporate charter in Georgia in October, 1955, under the name U. S. Klans. The same source, and [redacted] source, advised in May, 1960, that U. S. Klans has no direct affiliation with any previous Klan group, but utilizes, with only minor changes, the Klan Kloran or ritual written in about 1915 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS for use by the Old Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (1915-1944).

These sources advised that the U. S. Klans has as its principal aims and objectives the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. On numerous occasions [redacted] announced that these objectives would be obtained by legal means and without violence.

[redacted] source and [redacted] source advised in February, 1961, that at that time a split occurred in U. S. Klans, which resulted in a great majority of the officers and members pulling out and forming a new Klan group.

[redacted] source advised in October, 1963, that U. S. Klans had suffered another split and that most of the members had pulled out and formed a new Klan group.

[redacted] source advised in August, 1964, that U. S. Klans is now a very small organization [redacted] and maintaining a headquarters at 112½ West Harvard Avenue, College Park, Georgia.

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FEDERATED KU KLUX KLANS, INCORPORATED

A source advised on December 21, 1959, that Federated Ku Klux Klans, Incorporated, was organized in late 1959, originally in Alabama by [redacted] Klan group by the same name in Alabama in the late 1940's or early 1950's.

Headquarters of the organization was located in Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] claimed the organization was the successor to the original Ku Klux Klan, organized in 1866. The source advised that the aims and purposes of the organization included "pure Americanism", white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The same source advised in September, 1960, that [redacted] had moved from Alabama to Bremen, Georgia. This source reported in February, 1962, that Federated Ku Klux Klans, Incorporated, had gone out of existence in Alabama and that the members had affiliated with the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] source advised in May, 1962, that Federated Ku Klux Klans, Incorporated, which formerly had six or seven units in Georgia, had lost membership until only one unit remained.

[redacted] source advised in November, 1962, that Federated Ku Klux Klans, Inc., had gone out of existence.

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

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A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

**COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION CAUCASIANS  
TO MARCH ON CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1964  
(The Committee)**

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A source advised in March, 1964, that The Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, July 4, 1964, (The Committee) was organized in February, 1964, by JAMES R. VENABLE and [redacted]

[redacted] VENABLE is Chairman of The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and [redacted] is [redacted] of the same organization.

According to a document issued by The Committee, the purpose of The March on Congress is to "wrest control of the United States Government from the Communist hands of foreign Asiatic jews and African negroes, plus the arch-traitors of Congress who have been bought by them, body and soul."

The same source advised in March, 1964, that the headquarters of The Committee are located in the headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Tucker, Georgia.

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[redacted] source advised in April, 1964, that the main activities of The Committee have been the dissemination of propaganda has consisted of newspaper advertisements and direct mail promotion.

[redacted] source advised in March, 1964, that [redacted] was also promoting the March on Congress by means of phonograph records issued by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[redacted] source advised in August, 1964, that the organization sponsored an unsuccessful march on Congress on July 4, 1964, and is now no longer in existence.



**DEFENSIVE LEGION OF REGISTERED AMERICANS, INC.**  
formerly known as Protective Legion of Registered  
Americans, also known as Christian Voters and  
Buyers League (DLRA)

A source advised in March 1962 that [redacted] United  
Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
(United Klans), explained to a group of officials of  
United Klans at a meeting on March 1, 1962, that a  
new organization was to be set up. [redacted]  
explained that the organization would be a front  
organization of the United Klans and its purpose would  
be to sponsor and organize a series of segregationist  
events in Atlanta, Georgia, in July, 1962, during the  
week scheduled for the annual national convention of the  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
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Records of the Superior Court of Fulton County,  
Georgia, reflect a charter was granted on April 10,  
1962, to the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans,  
Inc. (DLRA) as a non-profit group, whose purpose is to  
"uphold the American economic system of free enterprise;  
to oppose Communism, Marxism, Mongrelism, and Nihilism  
in all their many forms; to uphold the sovereignty of  
the fifty states of our Union in their respective  
spheres; to help in the election of public officials,  
who believe in the principle of abiding strictly by  
the Constitution of the United States, and the  
Constitutions of the Fifty States of the United States;  
to educate the people of the United States as to the  
wisdom and righteousness of the traditional way of life  
our forefathers established; to force adherence to the  
states rights of each sovereign state in the Union of  
the United States."

On April 18, 1962, [redacted] source advised  
that JAMES R. VENABLE, Legal Counsel for United Klans,  
was President of the DLRA and [redacted]

[redacted] The source stated that an office had  
been set up in the Walter R. Brown Building, Pryor and  
Hunter Streets, Atlanta, Georgia, and a mailing address  
obtained at P.O. Box 58, Decatur, Georgia.

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[redacted] source advised in September, 1962, that the Christian Voters and Buyers League had been established as a group within DLRA to distribute anti-Jewish and anti-Negro phonograph records and literature.

[redacted] source advised in August, 1964, that [redacted] quit the organization and moved to Alabama. The source stated that the organization has been relatively inactive since the departure of [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
March 30, 1965

TITLE	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
CHARACTER	RACIAL MATTERS
REFERENCE	Report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated March 30, 1965, captioned as above, at Atlanta

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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KLAN ORGANIZATION  
CINCINNATI DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurlet 4/6/65, requesting Bureau authorization  
to interview nine Klan officers and/or members.

You should adhere to current regulations pertaining  
to interviews in racial matters. In that instance where  
Bureau authorization is required such request should be  
submitted under appropriate caption and sufficient information  
should be furnished permitting the Bureau to make a qualified  
judgment as to the merits of an interview.

Copies of your communications requesting authorization  
to interview Klansmen and the results of such interviews should  
be directed to appropriate Bureau files.

NOTE:

Cincinnati's letter dated 4/6/65 requested blanket  
authority to interview nine individuals involved in Klan  
activities. While it appeared that most of these individuals  
hold official positions in the Klan, necessitating Bureau  
authority, additional information must be furnished by  
Cincinnati permitting the Bureau to make a decision as to  
the merits of an interview.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM (KLAN).

RE SAVANNAH RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES  
 APRIL 6, LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISES HE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND CAPTIONED  
 ORGANIZATIONS MEETING AT TUCKER, GEORGIA, APRIL 10, AND  
 APRIL 11, NEXT. SOURCE ADVISES THAT ON APRIL 6, LAST, HE  
 WAS IN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] KLAN LEADER,  
 SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, WHO INDICATED NEITHER HE NOR  
 [REDACTED], COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA, WOULD  
 ATTEND. SOURCE STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITIES OF  
 ANY MEMBERS IN LOUISIANA WHO WILL ATTEND.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-168) AND SAVANNAH  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (105-469)(P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM.

RE SAVANNAH RADIOGRAM, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

NO BIRMINGHAM INFORMANTS PRESENTLY PLANNING TO ATTEND MEETING  
OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION MENTIONED IN REFERENCED RADIOGRAM.

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Knoxville, 4/7/65, captioned matter. Copies have been  
disseminated locally to intelligence agencies.For the information of Atlanta, members of the DK,  
KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, will probably travel to Tucker, Ga.  
in the personal owned auto of [redacted] 1958 Ford,  
two-door, two-tone tan and brown. Tennessee license [redacted] and  
personal owned auto of [redacted] 1960 light  
cream Volkswagen, Tennessee license [redacted]b2  
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LEAD: [redacted]

ATLANTA DIVISION:Follow and report above meeting. Submit extra  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Confidential [redacted] informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 6, 1965, advised that an announcement was made at a regular weekly closed meeting of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., East Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of April 6, 1965, that the National Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Tucker, Georgia, planned a large naturalization ceremony for new members in Tucker, Georgia, weekend of April 10-11, 1965. [redacted]

[redacted] Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, stated members of the Dixie Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had been invited to conduct the naturalization ceremonies above. He stated he and other members of this organization planned to travel via personal owned automobiles to Tucker, Georgia, Saturday afternoon April 10, 1965, conduct the naturalization ceremony Saturday night, spend the night at quarters provided by the National Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and return to Chattanooga, Sunday, April 11, 1965. Among those mentioned as planning to attend this ceremony from the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, were [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE



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THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(Tennessee)**

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From October, 1960 to July, 1964 no acts of violence have occurred at Chattanooga and vicinity. During this period, DK, KKKK, Inc., has continued to operate as an active organization and during the same period all municipal facilities, Chattanooga, have been integrated, the majority of public facilities, including theatres, restaurants, motels, hotels, and other facilities have been integrated, plus integration of schools during the fall of 1962 and the fall of 1963. All have been accepted peacefully with no demonstrations or acts of violence or discussion of acts of violence by DK, KKKK, Inc., members.

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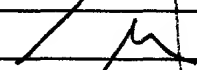
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Report of: S [redacted]  
Date: April 15, 1965

Office: CINCINNATI

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Bureau File No.: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF OHIO, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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**Synopsis:**

Columbus, Ohio, Chapter of NKKKK of Ohio, Inc., chartered 10/5/64, as patriotic, secret, social and benevolent organization. Ohio Secretary of State revoked charter ten days later. Ohio Klan organization is chapter of Parent Organization known as NKKKK located at Tucker, Georgia. JAMES R. VENABLE is Tucker, Georgia, [redacted] of Columbus, Ohio, Klan organization. A closed meeting of Ohio Klan took place 10/10/64, at Airline Motel, Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 14 persons attended this meeting. Four members of Ohio Klan picketed Russian Health Exhibit at Cincinnati Music Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 3/6/65; no incidents occurred.

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**DETAILS:**

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, and National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Incorporated, is contained in the appendix of this report.

**I. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

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said purposes to be accomplished through a social, patriotic and benevolent association for the mutual benefit of all mankind."

The Articles of Incorporation were signed by the following individuals:

FLYNN R. HARVEY  
418 Josephine Drive  
Columbus, Ohio

WILLIAM K. SMITH  
3482 Maplegrove Drive  
Grove City, Ohio

BOBBY J. STEPHENS  
2973 Reaver Lane  
Grove City, Ohio

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In addition, FLYNN R. HARVEY was appointed statutory agent for the Ohio Klan. He signed the form designating him as agent as follows: "Flynn R. Harvey, Grand Dragon."

#### B. HEADQUARTERS

There is no established headquarters for the NKKKK of Ohio, Incorporated; however, the meetings that are held in secrecy are either at the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted], Columbus, Ohio, or [redacted]  
[redacted] Grove City, Ohio.

[redacted] April 8, 1965)


#### C. MEETINGS

A closed meeting of the NKKKK of Ohio, Incorporated was held at the Airline Motel, Columbus, Ohio, on October 10, 1964. The following persons attended, either members or suspected members:





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**D. ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL KLAN CHAPTERS**

The following article appeared in the "Cincinnati Enquirer," a newspaper of daily circulation in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, on March 7, 1965. The article was captioned:

**"Klan Pickets Russians**

"Four men, including one Cincinnati, who identified themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan picketed the Russian Health Exhibit at Music Hall Saturday.

"Police said the men, all wearing the Klan robes, were Flynn Harvey, Columbus, Ohio, the grand dragon; William K. Smith, Grove City, Ohio; Curtis Rose, Hamilton, and Lawrence Mink, 3590 Cooper Rd., Blue Ash.

"The men carried signs reading 'America for Americans,' and circulated handbills which read:

"'In Vietnam the Communists are killing our boys every day and at the same time our government welcomes them to the great State of Ohio with open arms.

"'We're ashamed of the government for allowing the Russians to exhibit in this country.



E. INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED BY OFFICERS OF LOCAL  
OHIO KLAN

(1) On February 18, 1965 [redacted]  
volunteered the following information to Special Agents  
[redacted] at Columbus, Ohio:

[redacted] advised he is a member of the NKKKK of  
Ohio, Incorporated and serves as [redacted] for the  
State of Ohio.

[redacted] in explaining his earlier denial of being  
affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan, stated he was not a fully  
initiated member at the time. He said he is not a member of  
the "Ku Klux Klan" but the "National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.," affiliated with the group by the  
same name in Atlanta, Georgia.

He said he could not tell the FBI the names of  
members of the Klan group he is affiliated with inasmuch  
as he had taken an oath which prevented him from doing so.

(2) On March 29, 1965 [redacted]  
[redacted] voluntarily furnished the following  
information to Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] when they appeared at the Columbus, Ohio, Resident  
Agency:

[redacted] advised he [redacted]  
the NKKKK of Ohio, Incorporated [redacted] admitted to  
holding no office in the same group.

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[ ] stated their purpose for contacting the FBI was twofold:

1. They wanted to know if the Bureau was investigating the Ohio KKK.

2. They wanted to make it clear that a certain newspaper article which appeared in the "Columbus Citizen Journal" during the past week stated false information concerning the Klan.

[ ] stated he believed none of the members of the Ohio Klan were involved in telephonic threats recently alleged to have been committed by a Klansman in Columbus. He said he knew of no Klansman besides [ ]

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[ ] of the Klan in the West side of Columbus. He said he does not condone violence of any kind and denied he has made any threat to any person. [ ] stated the threatening phone call may have been made by a former member of the Klan who, according to [ ] was "suspended" in January, 1965. He identified the member as [ ] who became a member of the NKKKK of Ohio in September, 1964. He said [ ] was suspended because of his own admission that he is an ex-convict.

[ ] stated he was responsible for the original recruitment of [ ] into the NKKKK. He said he was not aware of the ex-convict status of [ ] at the time. He said [ ] had told him at one time he had recruited a number of salespeople into the NKKKK, but he never produced the dues or names of said people. He said he doubts the truthfulness of [ ] boast. [ ] produced a card which allegedly is the "official" business card of the NKKKK. He said he knows who printed the cards but he declined to furnish the name of the person.

[ ] explained that his purpose for pushing the NKKKK in Ohio is that he desires to "expose" crooked politicians." He defined a "crooked politician" as one who "tells lies to the public."

[redacted] said he supports the Klan because it stands for "clean government and states' rights government."

[redacted] said [redacted] was at his home about [redacted]. He said he allowed [redacted] and, although he denies that he listened to the conversation, he said he heard [redacted].

[redacted] He said [redacted] merely laughed the incident off, stating he meant nothing by it.

[redacted] were each asked to furnish the names of the members of the captioned organization, but declined to do so since this would "violate their oath of secrecy." [redacted] said he had "suspended" two other members of the Klan in Columbus for nonpayment of dues, but he would not give their names.

[redacted] stated he would give the FBI the names of any Klan members whom he suspects would commit acts of violence. He said he would not condone any acts or threats of violence on the part of any member. He will notify the FBI of any picketing planned by captioned organization.

[redacted] was asked if [redacted] was a member of the NKKKK of Ohio. He said he did not know [redacted] to be a member of the Klan in Ohio, but restated he could not reveal a member's identity because of his oath.

[redacted] declined to state how many members were in the NKKKK of Ohio, Incorporated, except to state that the group was "growing."

(3) On April 2, 1965, the following article appeared in the "Columbus Dispatch," a newspaper of daily publication at Columbus, Ohio:

"Ohio Klan to Stage Fiery Cross Rituals"

"Ohio Ku Klux Klansmen plan a series of fiery cross burnings about the state in late May and early June as part of a recruitment drive.

"William K. Smith of 3482 Maplegrove Dr., Grove City --- describing himself as 'an old Klansman' --- announced the cross burnings would be staged 'on private property with the consent of the owners so they will be legal.'

"Smith did not identify the specific sites of the ritual, a tradition of the KKK since Reconstruction days, other than to mention 'various cities, including Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Akron and Cleveland.'

"The Grand Dragon of the Ohio Klan is Flynn Harvey of Columbus, who could not be reached for comment, but Smith indicated that he made his announcement with Harvey's consent.

"Smith was one of the group which joined Harvey in forming the Ohio Klan last summer.

"A railroader, Smith was also a signer of the Ohio KKK's application to Secretary of State Ted W. Brown for a non-profit organization charter.

"Brown granted then revoked the charter, asserting the Klan was listed as a subversive organization.

"More recently, Brown commented that 'the Klan has become identified with activities which violate the Ohio statute against criminal syndicalism.'

"The Ohio Klan is an affiliate of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by James R. Venable of Stone Mountain, Ga. This is one of several major Klan organizations in the U.S.

"Smith said the cross-burnings would not be a protest of President Johnson's recent denunciations of the KKK as 'enemies of justice' and 'hooded bigots,' but would be held as rallies to promote membership in the Ohio group.

"Since the President's speech, the membership is growing every day,' Smith asserted. He placed the current KKK total in Ohio at some 1000 and said the organization's goal is 200,000.

"Smith claimed the Ohio Klan is 'not anti-Negro.' The organization's function, the spokesman said, is to protest all Communist movements.

"We have no Negro members because it is not allowed in the Klan, but we will work and support all Negroes in any move they make to support the Constitution of the United States against Communism,' Smith declared.

"Smith added that the cross-burning rallies would commence 'as soon as the weather breaks.'"

On April 8, 1965, [ ] advised that no known recent meetings have been held by the NKKKK of Ohio, Incorporated in the Columbus, Ohio, or surrounding, area.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

A source advised on August 17, 1964, that a National States Rights Party (NSRP) branch was active in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area with headquarters located in a building located at 4176 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. The source did not know the number of members of this group, but he stated most of the people in attendance at meetings are young people who appear to be students from the University of Cincinnati or Xavier University. The source stated [redacted], Cincinnati, is an officer of the Cincinnati branch of the NSRP, who [redacted] He carries the key and the building is always locked except when he is there.

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The source stated this group is affiliated with the parent NSRP organization which has its national headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama.



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TITLE	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF OHIO, INC.
CHARACTER	RACIAL MATTERS
REFERENCE	Report of S [redacted] [redacted] dated April 15, 1965, captioned as above, at Cincinnati

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] has not been sufficiently contacted to determine his reliability.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-168)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, Knoxville (157-117)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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*Called up 4/20/65*  
Re KX letterhead memo 4/7/65, captioned matter.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are eight copies of characterization of captioned organization to be attached to referenced LHM. Three copies submitted to Atlanta. Characterization has been submitted to intelligence agencies to be added to their copies of the LHM.

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[redacted] advised on 4/14/65 that [redacted]  
 [redacted] of Shreveport klavern of captioned  
 organization, stated that there is to be a Klan meeting in  
 Karnack, Texas, sometime in May, to be held on property  
 owned by a Klansman and that this meeting has been  
 cleared with the local police.

Source stated that he understands the meeting is  
 being organized by the NKKKK from Coushatta, Louisiana,  
 but there will probably be persons from other Klan groups  
 in east Texas present. Source stated [redacted] indicated  
 Karnack was selected as the location of the meeting as a  
 slap at the Federal Administration because Mrs. LYNDON  
 JOHNSON comes from that area.

Bureau and Dallas will be notified of any further  
 information developed regarding date of this meeting and  
 persons attending.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven  
copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter.

Two copies of the above letterhead memorandum  
are also enclosed for offices receiving this communication.

The confidential source mentioned in enclosed  
letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

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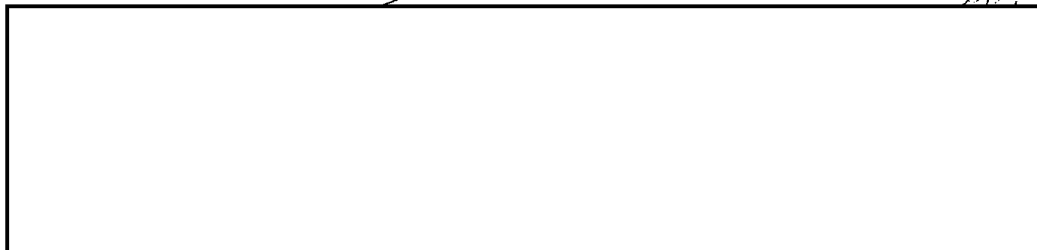
A confidential source advised on April 13, 1965, that a national meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a characterization of which is attached hereto, was held at the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia, on April 10 and 11, 1965.

A dinner was held at the Headquarters Building beginning at 7:30 PM, April 10, 1965.

The meeting following the dinner consisted of individual klansmen speaking on the local conditions and problems of their own klan organizations and the progress they are making. Most of them seemed to feel that the investigation of the Ku Klux Klan requested by President Johnson would help the klan to get new members. Some of the speakers felt they could already feel the effects of the President's request. Some of the speakers were as follows:



James R. Venable, Stone Mountain, Georgia



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[redacted]  
[redacted] spoke up several times during the speeches to point out they had voted at the last meeting to limit talks to 10 minutes and to one member from each klan group.

Everyone was served breakfast in the meeting hall Sunday morning at 8:00 AM, April 11, 1965.

The closed meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., limited to delegates to the national meeting, came to order in the hall at 9:18 AM, April 11, 1965.

[redacted] read the minutes and the treasurer's report. They have a total of \$180.44 in the treasury, which funds are held by [redacted]. There is no known bank account in the name of this organization. The secretary then called the roll and pointed out there were persons present who were not on the rolls of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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Walter Bailey raised his hand and stated that he was there at the special invitation of James R. Venable to discuss the proposed investigation of the klan organizations. [redacted] asked Bailey if it was his desire to again become a member of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and he said no. Bailey was excluded from the meeting and Venable asked Bailey to wait for him in his office.

A motion was made and carried that [redacted] of the Dixie Klans should be contacted and asked to pay his klan dues if he intended for the Dixie Klans to remain in the national organization or the Dixie Klans would be suspended for non-payment of dues.

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A committee, consisting of [redacted]  
[redacted] was appointed by James R. Venable to contact  
[redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., to determine  
his future plans and intentions and to determine if he will  
join in and cooperate with the National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan, Inc. This committee is to report the results of  
its efforts to the secretary who will in turn furnish the  
information to all member klan groups.

James R. Venable gave a talk on the proposed national  
investigation of the klan. He said he was an attorney and  
could not tell anyone to destroy their records before going  
to Washington or to plead the Fifth Amendment but for them  
to use their heads and play dumb. He cautioned them against  
doing anything unlawful.

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[redacted] stated they had all agreed on the name  
of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., for their  
group and that James Venable had subsequently incorporated  
a separate klan group under this name. [redacted] suggested a  
new name be decided on for this organization which no one  
would take and incorporate. James R. Venable made a motion  
that the name of the organization be changed to ~~Associated~~  
~~Klans in America (AKIA)~~. (It is noted the initials ~~AKIA~~ have  
been used in the past among klansmen to identify themselves  
to one another and it stands for "A Klansman I AM.")

[redacted] also made a statement that the only way any klan  
group would grow would be to get the name of the klan off the  
subversive list. Venable got up and read the names of the  
"Ku Klux Klan", "Association of Georgia Klans" and "Knights  
of the White Camellia". He said he has already tried and has  
done the best he knew how but that he would still keep trying  
to get these names off the subversive list.

The "Ku Klux Klan", "Association of Georgia Klans", and  
"Knights of the White Camellia" have been cited by the  
U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order  
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A motion was made and carried that the secretary be advised of all klan outings so that he could pass the information on to all member klan groups.

[redacted] then got up and invited all klan members at this meeting to attend a rally sponsored by Association of South Carolina Klans at Anderson, South Carolina, on April 24, 1965. [redacted] also made a motion that at public rallies klansmen should talk less about being anti-Jew, anti-Catholic, and anti-Negro. The motion was carried.

In addition, it was pointed out that at klan rallies the Confederate flag has been flown to the exclusion of the United States flag. It was agreed that hereafter the United States flag should be flown at all rallies, higher than the Confederate flag, and should be saluted by the klansmen.

The following committees were set up and chairmen designated, with the chairmen to select their own committee members:

Educational Committee

(First Name Unknown) Croaker, Louisiana, Chairman

Publicity Committee

[redacted]

Finance and Membership Committee

James R. Venable, Chairman

Public Relations

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC.  
NATIONAL MEETING,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA,  
APRIL 10-11, 1965

The delegates in attendance and klans represented  
are as follows:

Association of South Carolina Klans

*Robert*

Association of Georgia Klans

United Florida Klans

Original Klans of Louisiana

National Klans of America, Inc.

James R. Venable, Stone Mountain, Georgia

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Improved Order of the U. S. Klans

[Redacted]

Old U. S. Klan.

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The known persons who attended the meeting Saturday night  
but not on Sunday were:

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APPENDIXASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however the use of violence is disavowed.

[ ] source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

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[ ] source said on September 16, 1962, that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard", from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

[ ] source advised on August 17, 1964, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIXASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS (AGK)  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A source advised on January 11, 1961, that the AGK, KKKK, was organized by [redacted] in the Spring of 1960, with mailing address of Post Office Box 41, Bloomingdale, Georgia. This source stated that AGK, KKKK, is a new organization and is not affiliated in any way with the old Association of Georgia Klans which is defunct. It is patterned after the U. S. Klans, has the same general ritual and has the same titles for its Klavern officers. Most officers and members are former members of the U. S. Klans. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to fight integration and Communism by peaceful means, and it is opposed to any type of violence. This source said AGK, KKKK, is affiliated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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This same source advised on August 3, 1964, that this klan group continues to operate with the same aims and purposes and is localized in the area of Bloomingdale and Savannah, Georgia. It continues to be affiliated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

APPENDIXUNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, [ ] source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

[ ] source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[ ] source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

[ ] source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On August 3, 1964 [ ] source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia

April 15, 1965

Title        NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
              KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
              NATIONAL MEETING,  
              TUCKER, GEORGIA,  
              APRIL 10-11, 1965

Character    RACIAL MATTERS

Reference   Savannah memorandum dated  
              April 15, 1965, captioned  
              as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC.  
NATIONAL MEETING,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA,  
APRIL 10-11, 1965

A committee, consisting of [redacted]  
[redacted] was appointed by James R. Venable to contact  
[redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., to determine  
his future plans and intentions and to determine if he will  
join in and cooperate with the National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan, Inc. This committee is to report the results of  
its efforts to the secretary who will in turn furnish the  
information to all member klan groups.

James R. Venable gave a talk on the proposed national  
investigation of the klan. He said he was an attorney and  
could not tell anyone to destroy their records before going  
to Washington or to plead the Fifth Amendment but for them  
to use their heads and play dumb. He cautioned them against  
doing anything unlawful.

[redacted] stated they had all agreed on the name  
of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., for their  
group and that James Venable had subsequently incorporated  
a separate klan group under this name. [redacted] suggested a  
new name be decided on for this organization which no one  
would take and incorporate. James R. Venable made a motion  
that the name of the organization be changed to Associated  
Klans in America (AKIA). (It is noted the initials AKIA  
have been used in the past among klansmen to identify  
themselves to one another and it stands for "A Klansman  
I Am".)

[redacted] also made a statement that the only way any  
klan group would grow would be to get the name of the klan  
off the subversive list. Venable got up and read the  
names of the "Ku Klux Klan", "Association of Georgia Klans",  
and "Knights of the White Camellia". He said he has already  
tried and has done the best he knew how but that he would  
still keep trying to get these names off the subversive  
list.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN  
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Title being marked changed to reflect new name of organization adopted at meeting held at Tucker, Georgia, April 10 and 11, 1965. Case formerly carried as "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, INC.".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning

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Memoranda of captured gear dated April 10 and 11, 1965. Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum are enclosed herewith for the information of all other offices receiving copy of this airtel.

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ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, FORMERLY  
KNOWN AS NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN, INC., aka RACIAL MATTERS

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on April 12, 1965:

On the evening of April 10, 1965, the first session of a two day meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, was held at the Organizational Headquarters, the Carl Garmon Building in Tucker, Georgia. This was an open meeting and there were persons present who were not Klan members. There were between forty five and fifty persons present, including several women.

The meeting was presided over by JAMES R. VENABLE, who was also the first speaker. He talked about the investigation of the Klan by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He said that he would furnish free legal advice to any Klansman subpoenaed to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. VENABLE attacked President LYNDON B. JOHNSON for his attack on the Klan. He said that President JOHNSON is out to destroy the Klan as well as all secret organizations including the Masons. He said that unless all white people joined together, the Freedom of the American People will be destroyed. VENABLE said the Klan is not a subversive organization but is an organization for Christian Protestants.

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[redacted] of East Point, Georgia, gave a long speech on the history of the United States and the details of various sections of the United States Constitution.

[redacted] spoke on the objectives of the Klan. He said the Klan is based on the

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Constitution of the United States and the preservation of the rights of the Caucasian Race.

The last speaker was an unknown preacher from Tennessee who represented Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. He is described as a White Male, forty five to fifty years old, about five feet, six or seven inches tall, weighing about 145 pounds, with dark hair and a slightly up turned nose. This Preacher made a fiery speech in which he said that Jews, Catholics and Negroes are not acting in accordance with the Constitution of the United States. He said that Dixie Klans would defy any order of the President or anyone else to disband their organization. He said there is only one answer to the Klans' troubles today and that answer could best be described in the phrase "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition". He said the time for talking has passed and the time for action is at hand. He said that violence is the only answer he can see to the Klans' present problems.

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Among those present at this session of the two day meeting were

At 9:30 a.m. on April 11, 1965, the second session of the two day meeting was called to order with twenty delegates present. This was a closed meeting. When the roll of

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delegates was called it was found that WALTER A. BAILEY, GA  
Post Office Box 806, Biloxi, Mississippi, was present.  
After checking with the Secretary it was determined  
that BAILEY was not a bona fide member of the organization;  
therefore, he was asked to leave. BAILEY left under  
protest stating that he had driven all the way from  
Biloxi, Mississippi, in response to an invitation  
to attend the meeting.

[redacted] of Louisiana presided and  
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Considerable discussion was held on the  
activities of [redacted]  
of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan. All those taking part in the discussion  
objected to the fact that [redacted] make  
news releases in which they represent themselves  
as speaking for all Klansmen. It was decided that  
an effort will be made to get across to the public  
the fact that [redacted] do not speak for  
all Klansmen. A suggestion was made to appoint a  
committee to visit with [redacted] and persuade him to  
stop representing himself as a spokesman for all  
Klansmen. [redacted] of Tallahassee, Florida,  
was appointed [redacted] of the committee to visit  
[redacted] and he will appoint two members of the  
committee. This committee is to make a report at  
the next meeting.

After some discussion a resolution was  
unanimously adopted to change the name of the  
organization from National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan, Inc., to Association of Klans in  
America.

JAMES R. VENABLE discussed at length the  
coming House Committee on Un-American Activities  
investigation of the Klan, explaining to those  
present their rights if subpoenaed to testify  
before the committee. He said that he would

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represent, without fee, any Klansman subpoenaed. He said that no Klansman should stand on the Fifth Amendment in testifying before House Committee on Un-American Activities and that the best answer to the questions would be a poor memory.

Louisiana had three delegates at the meeting. These were [redacted] (First Name Unknown) [redacted] and an unknown white male described as about thirty eight years old, tall thin with a ruddy complexion.

[redacted] Ohio had two delegates who were [redacted] and an unidentified male.

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GA. South Carolina had three delegates who were [redacted] unidentified white males.

Florida had [redacted] delegates who were [redacted] unidentified white male from Jacksonville, Florida.

United States Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was [redacted] of Douglasville, Georgia. Among those present were JAMES R. VENABLE, [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] from Louisiana gave each person present at the meeting a copy of a leaflet which [redacted] stated had been distributed by the Klan in Louisiana. This leaflet is entitled "The Klans Answer to Lyndon Johnson". It reads as follows:

"On Friday, March 26, 1965, Lyndon Johnson, President of the United States, attacked one of the most patriotic organizations in this great land. He warned every Klansman to get out of the Ku Klux Klan and to join a 'decent' society for the Klan was going to be investigated and destroyed.

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"Lyndon Johnson, we know that we are not a perfect organization. We have a few misfits just as surely as there has been a misfit recently elected President of the United States. We do not advocate murder in any form for any cause, yet you condemn an entire organization for the actions of a few and they have yet to be proven guilty. We do not condemn everyone in the Democratic Party for your actions, Lyndon Johnson.

"No, Lyndon, you are wrong about the Ku Klux Klan. You can no more destroy us than you can destroy the heavens or the oceans. Even with all your ill-gotten and ill-used Power, the Left Wing News Media, the N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E. and all of the other Communistic and Socialistic rabble rousers, we will survive. For while there is a flicker of life in one true Klansman, the Klan will never die.

"It is you, Lyndon Johnson, that has turned his back on the white people of this country, not the Ku Klux Klan. It is you, Lyndon Johnson, who should join a 'decent' society. It was you, Lyndon Johnson, that expressed shock and anger when an agitator was killed in Alabama. You even telephoned your sympathy to her family. Yet when a White Law Officer is murdered by Niggers in Mississippi you did not see fit to mention it or telephone his widow. Were you not shocked and angered by this, Lyndon? Where is your sense of 'decency'?

"So bring on your investigations, Lyndon. We have nothing to fear, for we know that ours is a just cause. Our fight is for Racial Integrity and Constitutional Government. Are we fighting for too much, Lyndon? The Klan will disband when every Communist and Integrationist is driven from our shores. We will fight with every means at our disposal,



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at the Ballot Box, in the Swamps, or in the Hills,  
if necessary, for we shall never surrender. THIS  
IS OUR ANSWER!"

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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(Tennessee)

Confidential Sources advised it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 17, 1958, that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., during the preceding week.

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

On July 15, 1964, source stated that the DK, KKKK, Inc., has one active klavern in Tennessee and two active klaverns in Georgia. He stated there are no other klaverns of this organization in any other states although attempts have been made in the past to organize klaverns in other states.

A Confidential Source advised during the fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of [redacted] including [redacted]

[redacted] of DK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted] or Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the local chapter president), and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August, and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates

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of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and other acts of violence. These meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of " " of DK, KKKK, Inc., and majority admitted membership of DK, KKKK, Inc.

Sources have reported as late as September, 1963 that for the past eighteen months or more, none of the DK, KKKK, Inc., members or leaders, including [redacted] [redacted] have discussed any acts of violence. In fact, during this period, 1962-63, Negroes have demonstrated at Chattanooga, Tennessee, seeking integration of public and municipal facilities. In addition to these demonstrations some of the public schools, Chattanooga, have been integrated during the fall of 1962 and the fall of 1963. During these demonstrations and the integration of these schools, [redacted] [redacted] and other DK, KKKK, Inc., leaders at closed meetings of this organization, and on an individual basis, have instructed members of this organization to stay away from areas of demonstration by Negroes and schools where integration was occurring, not to participate in any demonstrations or attempt to interfere with any Negro demonstrations, violence or advocate any acts of violence or become engaged in any arguments over above matters.

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From October, 1960 to July, 1964 no acts of violence have occurred at Chattanooga and vicinity. During this period, DK, KKKK, Inc., has continued to operate as an active organization and during the same period all municipal facilities, Chattanooga, have been integrated, the majority of public facilities, including theatres, restaurants, motels, hotels, and other facilities have been integrated, plus integration of schools during the fall of 1962 and the fall of 1963. All have been accepted peacefully with no demonstrations or acts of violence or discussion of acts of violence by DK, KKKK, Inc., members.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: May 3, 1965

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-777)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION OF  
~~KU KLUX KLAN~~ ORGANIZATIONS  
IN THE STATES OF ARIZONA,  
CALIFORNIA, MICHIGAN, AND OHIO  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 9/22/64; Detroit  
letter to Bureau, 1/11/65, captioned as above; and Bureau  
0-1 dated 4/27/65.

Logical informants and sources of the Detroit Division  
who are in a position to furnish information on organiza-  
tions and/or individuals who may be involved in Ku Klux Klan  
activities have been alerted and to date no information has  
been received concerning Klan activity in the Detroit area.

For information of the Bureau, [redacted] on 9/21/64,  
furnished information that a state meeting of the Association  
of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was held on 9/20/64, and that  
[redacted] mentioned that a representative from Michigan  
indicated that Detroit is expecting trouble from the Negroes.

Charlotte, by letter to Detroit, 3/9/65, advised that  
the original information furnished by [redacted] in regard to  
captioned matter, was obtained in a private conversation  
with [redacted] of the ASCK. [redacted]  
advised informant at the time that while he attended a  
National Meeting of the KKK near Atlanta, Georgia, he saw  
representatives from the above mentioned states present at  
the meeting as observers. Their ostensible purpose for being  
there was to learn "how" to set up a Klan organization. The  
indication [redacted] left was that these representatives did not  
belong to any Klan group but wanted to find out how to start  
one.

On 3/3/65, [redacted] advised that since advised of  
the above matter, he has since been in touch with [redacted]

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[ ] on two occasions and that in general conversation said he had no idea who the representatives were. The informant said that he did not want to question [ ] too closely about this matter and did not ask for any physical descriptions.

According to Charlotte letter, security is being tightened in the ASCK and it would not be to the best interests of the informant to ask too many questions. Charlotte further advised Detroit that should there be any further information of a more specific nature, Detroit would be advised.

For the information of the Bureau, in view of the above recontact with [ ] and failure to develop any descriptive data concerning the unknown representative from Michigan, Detroit would not feel that any more investigative time was warranted at this time until more specific information was developed at Charlotte.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-71801)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (105-922) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re New Orleans airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 4/23/65 concerning efforts to combine all Klan groups into one organization.

Logical informants of the Atlanta Office have been contacted; however, none of them could furnish any information pertinent to this matter with the exception of [redacted] who advised as follows on 4/28/65:

The main effort to unify all Klan groups is being made by [redacted] who is organizing a new organization for that purpose known as "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." Another effort to unify all Klan groups is being made by JAMES R. VENABLE through an organization formerly known as National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., but now known as Association of Klans in America.

Information concerning Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was furnished the Bureau and other offices, including New Orleans in Atlanta airtels dated 3/9/65 and 4/5/65.

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The latest efforts of the Association of Klans in America was furnished the Bureau and interested offices, including New Orleans, by Atlanta airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 4/13/65.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 4/27/65

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-210)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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Re Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 4/15/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies each of seven characterizations to be inserted in Savannah letterhead memorandum dated 4/15/65, which letterhead memorandum was enclosed with referenced airtel, and eight copies of amended page three of said letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for offices listed below are two copies each of above characterizations and two copies each of amended page three of LHM.

Savannah copies corrected.

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
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Title changed to add the State of Georgia to captioned, according to instructions in reBulet to TP, 3/22/65.

ReATairtel to Director, 3/9/65, TPlet to Director, 3/10/65, ATairtel to Director, 4/5/65, and Bulet to TP, 3/22/65.

ReATairtel to Director, 3/9/65, set out information concerning the new organization as captioned was to be formed, in the belief by JAMES R. VENABLE and [redacted] that many former Klan members in the country would affiliate with an organization bearing the name of the original Klan.

Informants of the Tampa Division have been contacted in the above regard, with negative results, with the exception of [redacted] who reported information as of 3/6/65, which was already furnished to the Atlanta Office by FD-306, as well as to Birmingham, Jacksonville, Mobile and New Orleans Offices.

[redacted] has been recontacted as of 4/12/65, and advised that it was learned from an unrecalled source that [redacted] is to be invited to attend a State meeting of the UFKKK to be held at St. Augustine, Fla., sometime in 5/65, date not recalled.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-188)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
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Re New Orleans airtel, 4/14/65.

[redacted] advised on 5/5/65 that [redacted]  
[redacted] the Shreveport klavern of captioned organization,  
original source in this matter, advised that the meeting  
for Karnack, Texas had been planned by the Coushatta, La.  
group, but they could not get the necessary cooperation  
and dropped the plan for a klan meeting in Karnack during  
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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (Your file 157-188) DATE: 5/3/65FROM : ~~Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-168)~~ ☒ Post in file and destroy 0-1  
Room No. 817RB (D) (For SOG use only)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC. RACIAL MATTERS.RE-NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL DATED 4/14/65 WITH ABOVE CAPTION.☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.☐ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-19-88 BY SP7 MJS/54☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted  
☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo  
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_

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Klan meeting cancelled. airtel follows.

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## Memorandum

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8UG/ab☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted☐ 2. DATE ☐ report☒ letter☐ 90-day progress letter☒ will be submitted

by 5-15-65

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal☐ Inquiry☐ Investigation☐ Prosecution☐ airtel☐ letterhead memo☐ 5. Submit ☐ report☐ letter☐ 90-day progress letter

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SAC, Cincinnati (157-245)

5/12/65

Director, FBI (157-168)

1 - Mr. Denz

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JFJ/...

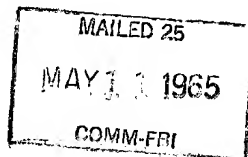
Re Cincinnati airtel and letterhead memorandum dated May 3, 1965, captioned "Possible Racial Violence Major Urban Areas," which indicated that Eloise Witte is a self-described Ku Klux Klan recruiter. Witte, during an appearance on television in Cincinnati with a member of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, indicated that a Klan rally is scheduled to be held May 28, 29, 30, 1965, in Oregonia, Ohio.

You should promptly furnish the Bureau and interested offices all information developed pertaining to the identity of the individuals involved in Klan recruitment in Ohio. In addition, you should advise the Bureau what efforts are being made to obtain data relating to the above-mentioned Klan rally. You are instructed to stay on top of this matter and insure that adequate coverage of all Klan activities has been obtained. The Bureau should be kept currently advised.

1 - Atlanta  
1 - Cleveland

NOTE:

While Witte admits Klan activity in Ohio is dormant, she plans to attempt to recruit members at a proposed rally. The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is headquartered at Tucker, Georgia, with an approximate membership of 50.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 5-10-65

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-469) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM

(OO: Atlanta)

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There are no leads outstanding in instant case in the Birmingham Office at this time and this case is being considered RUC'd.

- ② - Bureau (157-168) (RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
  - 1 - Savannah (info) (157-210) (RM)
  - 1 - Birmingham (105-469)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-275) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 5/14/65

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8/ty/pat

Re O-1 Form received at Dallas 5/4/65 and New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 5/5/65.

No additional information concerning the planned meeting of the KKK at Karnack, Texas, was received through New Orleans from [ ] until re New Orleans airtel reporting that the meeting had been canceled.

On 5/5/65, [ ] reported that no Klan meetings were scheduled for Karnack, Texas. There is no Police Department at Karnack, Texas and law enforcement is provided by the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

On 4/19/65, Sheriff EARL FRANKLIN stated that he <sup>knew</sup> nothing concerning any planned KKK meeting at Karnack and added that he is opposed to the Klan and would not tolerate Klan activities in his county.

Sheriff FRANKLIN was again contacted on 5/4/65 and furnished the same information as above.

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2 - Dallas  
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157-168-360

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Date: 5/13/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)  
RE: ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA  
RM - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP-10/SLT

On 5/13/65, [redacted] advised that on 5/11/65, [redacted], who is organizing a new Klan group known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Georgia), was recently in Ohio and conferred with prospective Klan leaders there. Upon [redacted] return to Atlanta, [redacted] told [redacted] that JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman of Association of Klans in America (AKIA), had appointed [redacted] in KKKK (Georgia). The date and identity of office is not known to informant, but informant believes it is probably the office of Kleagle (Organizer).

Although [redacted] and VENABLE are competitors in organizing Klan groups and are unfriendly toward one another, care should be taken to protect information so that informant is not disclosed as the source of information.

CINCINNATI and LOUISVILLE attempt to verify through sources [redacted] of AKIA.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (157-245) (RM)
- 2 - Louisville (157-240) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (2 - 157-60)

1 copies made  
2/6/78 JTA/DJS  
re William H. Morris  
for review at FBIHQ by  
HSCA re 1/9/78 request.  
(See Bufile #62-117290).

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/21/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau let to Cincinnati, 5/12/65.

Investigation through contact with sources and informants indicates that [redacted] is the only known official Klan recruiter operating in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area at this time. As Bureau was advised previously, she admitted this status in local Cincinnati television interview recently.

Contacts with [redacted] racial informant (probationary) during week of 5/17/65, has established that the proposed Klan rally scheduled for 5/28, 29 and 30/65, will definitely be held on [redacted] at Oregonia, Ohio.

[redacted] has also advised that local followers of the Klan and NSRP will be requested [redacted]

[redacted] to Klan meeting. [redacted] of definite opinion that [redacted] highly exaggerates Klan membership in the Cincinnati area, and probably exaggerates her claims to build up her own status within the Klan organization.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Atlanta (157-93) (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Cleveland (Info) (RM)  
 2 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-245)  
 (1 - 105-1139)

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Liaison contacts have been made with the Warren County Sheriff's Office, which covers Oregonia, Ohio, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol [redacted] which also covers Oregonia, Ohio, so that these law enforcement organizations will be on the alert for the arrival of interested individuals attending the rally. Warren County Sheriff advises he plans on patrolling the Klan site area continually and will make notations of all license numbers on vehicles parked in the vicinity of the Klan site rally.

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In addition, [redacted] listed above, will be personally in attendance at the rally and will furnish all pertinent plans and activities which take place at the rally immediately.

The Bureau will be kept promptly advised of all important developments as they occur.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : *EEB* SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

SUBJECT: *O* NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 5/26/65

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY *SP8 JTB*

Re Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 5/12/65, and  
Cincinnati airtel to Bureau, 5/21/65.

The Cleveland Office has received no information indicating that there is any Klan activity or members in the Cleveland territory, or that anyone from this area plans to attend the Klan rally scheduled for May 28-29-30, 1965, at Oregonia, Ohio.

The Cleveland Office will continue to be alert for any information indicating Klan activity in this area, and if any information is received from the Cincinnati Office indicating that persons from this area attended the Klan rally at Oregonia, Ohio, Cleveland will immediately conduct appropriate investigation to identify these persons and consider their potential as possible sources.

The Cincinnati Office is requested to advise Cleveland of any information developed indicating that persons from this area attended the above-mentioned rally.

The Bureau will be kept promptly advised of any pertinent developments.

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2 - Cincinnati (157-245) (RM)  
1 - Cleveland

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5:59 PM EST URGENT 5/28/65

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 28 1965

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CINCINNATI (L57-245)

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP4 JJS/JSK

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. RM - KLAN.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN LAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] XENIA, OHIO, ADVISED SHE HEARD THAT  
A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS FROM YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, AND  
STUDENTS FROM ANTIOCH COLLEGE ARE CONSIDERING GOING TO  
KLAN RALLY, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, AND LYING DOWN IN ROAD. ACCORDING  
[REDACTED], THE KLAN HAS HEARD RUMOR TO THIS EFFECT AND STATED THEY  
WILL RUN OVER ANYONE WHO LIES DOWN IN THEIR PATH.

[REDACTED] AT TIMES EXAGGERATES, HOWEVER, A MAJORITY OF  
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HER HAS PROVED RELIABLE. BUREAU IS  
AWARE OF [REDACTED] PAST ACTIVITIES AND HAS INSTRUCTED  
CINCINNATI TO ACCEPT, BUT NOT SOLICIT, INFORMATION FROM HER.

AT TEN TWENTYFIVE AM ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, INSTANT. SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CINCINNATI, OHIO, WAS ADVISED  
OF THIS MATTER. ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COVERING SITE  
KLAN RALLY ALERTED AND FURNISHED BACKGROUND RE RALLY  
ONE WEEK AGO.

CINCINNATI FOLLOWING CLOSELY.

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May 28, 1965

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TO SAC CINCINNATI  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 [signature]

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS.  
REURTEL MAY TWENTY-EIGHT INSTANT WHICH INDICATED  
THAT PERSONS INCLUDING STUDENTS OF ANTIOCH COLLEGE, PLAN  
TO ATTEND A KLAN RALLY, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, WHERE THEY  
WILL LIE DOWN IN ROAD. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE YOUR CLOSE  
LIAISON WITH MILITARY, LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES. THE RESULTS OF YOUR COVERAGE OF KLAN RALLY  
SHOULD BE FURNISHED BUREAU PROMPTLY IN FORM SUITABLE FOR  
DISSEMINATION.

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NOTE:

Wide publicity in Ohio newspapers has been afforded  
a scheduled rally of National Knights of Ku Klux Klan in  
Ohio, for last weekend in May, 1965, allegedly for purpose  
of Klan recruitment. Our racial sources indicated that  
Ohio Klan small in numbers with approximately 15 attending  
closed meetings. Cincinnati has continually alerted law  
enforcement agencies and rally to be covered by police.

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FBI CINCINNATI

1051 PM EST URGENT 5-29-65 MLC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 1P

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP-8 JY/pet

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE MYTEL TODAY.

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS ATTENDED KLAN RALLY  
THIS EVENING. A CROSS MADE OF ELECTRIC POLES, THIRTY FEET HIGH  
AND TWENTY FEET WIDE WAS BURNED AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM INSTANT.  
RALLY BROKE UP AT NINE PM INSTANT. WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF ADVISED  
NO INCIDENTS OCCURED DURING OR AFTER CROSS BURNING.

CINCINNATI CLOSELY FOLLOWING.

END.

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157-168-365

8 JUN 2 1965

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 31 1965

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI CINCINTI

10:15 PM EST URGENT 5-31-65 DHV

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 1P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP2 JFB

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS.

REMYTEL MAY 29, LAST.

WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT  
THIRTY PM, THIS DATE, A CROSS MADE OF ELECTRIC POLES THIRTY FEET HIGH  
AND TWENTY FEET WIDE WAS BURNED AT KLAN RALLY. SMALL CROWD ATTENDED  
EXACT NUMBER UNKNOWN.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURED DURING OR AFTER CROSS BURNING.

END.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAY 29 1965

FBI CINCINTI

4:21 PM EST, URGENT 5/29/65 KLV

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 3P

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; RM.

ALL INFORMATION  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP-12/10/88

REMYTEL, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

CONTINUOUS LIAISON CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, SO AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED OR REPORTED SINCE LAST REPORT TO BUREAU. LAST NIGHTS KLAN RALLY ATTENDANCE REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE, LARGE PERCENTAGE THESE INDIVIDUALS BEING CURIOSITY OBSERVERS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS. WARREN COUNTY SO FURNISHING TWENTYFOUR HOUR COVERAGE OF RALLY. CINCINNATI MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS LIAISON WITH COVERING LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED] ONE ZERO NINTH INTC GROUP ADVISED ABOVE INFORMATION ELEVEN TEN AM TODAY.

ON MAY TWENTYNINE, INSTANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] XENIA, OHIO, ADVISED SHE ATTENDED KLAN RALLY AT OREGONIA, OHIO, EVENING MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, WHERE KLAN MADE WEAK SHOWING, TOTAL OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY - FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING SIX "DIEHARD" KLANSMEN

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

JUN 2 1965

PAGE TWO

AND ABOUT THIRTY MEMBERS OF KLAN, NSRP OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. AMONG  
KNOWN KLAN MEMBERS WERE JAMES VENABL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], NSRP AND RAY HILL, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

NO CROSS BURNING OCCURRED EVENING OF MAY TWENTYEIGHT BUT KLAN  
PLANS CROSS BURNING FOR EVENING OF MAY TWENTYNINE. [REDACTED] WAS DRINKING  
EXCESSIVELY, BECAME EMOTIONAL AND MILITANT AND IS ATTEMPTING TO GET  
MEMBERS OF ANP FROM CINCINNATI TO ATTEND REMAINDER OF RALLY. KLAN  
ATTEMPTING TO MAKE MORE DRAMATIC SHOW AND ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY REMAIN  
NIGHTS OF RALLY.

A NUMBER OF ANTIOCH COLLEGE STUDENTS GAINED ENTRANCE TO RALLY  
AREA AND SCUFFLE BROKE OUT WHEN RECOGNIZED BY KLANSMEN, BUT WARREN  
COUNTY SO IMMEDIATELY ESCORTED STUDENTS FROM RALLY AREA. [REDACTED] OVER-  
HEARD STUDENTS SAY THEY ARE COMING BACK IN GREATER FORCE MAY  
TWENTYNINE, INSTANT. WITTE INDICATED THEY WILL BE READY FOR ANTIOCH  
STUDENTS AND GAVE IMPRESSION MANY WEAPONS AVAILABLE ON FARM.

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IS ERRATIC AND EXAGGERATES, HOWEVER, INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HER IN PAST HAS PROVED RELIABLE. BUREAU IS AWARE OF HER PAST ACTIVITIES AND HAS INSTRUCTED CINCINNATI DIVISION TO ACCEPT BUT NOT SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM HER.

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CORRECTIONS

~~PAGE ONE, IN CAPTION, WORD SIX SHOULD BE KLUX.~~

~~PAGE ONE, LINE TWELVE, WORD NINE SHOULD BE SIXTY~~

~~PAGE TWO, LINE NINE SHOULD BEGIN WITH ING, THEN GO ON TO SAY NIGHTS OF RALLY.~~

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

JEH

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May 28, 1965

Chairman  
US Atomic Energy Commission  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
Sevierville, Tennessee  
Re: Radiation, Q37  
CN1028298

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP2/aj/pet

NIR

Dear Sir:

Due to the fact that my condition is physical and caused by breathing smoke of uranium 235; you will find all future shipments of dope, to me; from [Redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in atomic file no. 13, Sevierville, Tennessee.

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Yours very truly

[Redacted]

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MAY 28 1965

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FBI CINCINTI

1127 PM EST URGENT 5-28-65 MLC

TO DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	<u>SL</u>
Mr. Tavel	<u>re</u>
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JTB

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUXKLAN, RACIAL MATTERS.

[REDACTED] WARREN COUNTY, OHIO S.O., ADVISED THAT AT  
APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM INSTANT DATE A KLAN GUARD SHOT TWICE INTO THE  
AIR WHEN IT APPEARED THAT A WOMAN REPORTER WAS GOING TO TREPASS.  
OFFICERS OF THE WARREN COUNTY S.O. WERE ON HAND AND ADVISED GUARD  
OF HIS STATUS AND NO ONE ARRESTED.

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[REDACTED] WM, DOB: [REDACTED]  
FIVE FOOT TEN, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, [REDACTED]  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WAS ARRESTED BY THE WARREN COUNTY S.O. FOR  
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON THIS DATE.

RALLY APPEARS ORDERLY. NO ESTIMATE ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE AT THIS  
TIME AND PEOPLE STILL ARRIVING.

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ARGUMENT BROKE OUT A APPROXIMATELY TEN PM INSTANT BETWEEN  
INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING RALLY JUST AFTER COVERAGE BY WARREN COUNTY  
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CONTACT RESULTED. S.O. NOW PLANS TWENTYFOUR HOUR COVERAGE OF RALLY.

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To: Director, FBI

Att.: ~~Civil Rights Section~~  
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From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

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Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau dated 5/29/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

One copy of this communication is furnished Louisville in view of fact that some individuals who attended Klan rally, set out in LHM, reside within that division.

Copies being furnished to Secret Service, Cincinnati, and 109th INTC, locally.

[redacted], Xenia, Ohio, furnished information to SA [redacted] concerning this matter on 5/29/65. She has furnished information in the past which has proved reliable, however, on occasion information furnished by her has been determined to be erratic and exaggerated. The Bureau is aware of her past activities and has instructed the Cincinnati Division to accept information from her, but not to solicit any information from her.

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BY W. J. [redacted]

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Sheriff B. K. KENNARD, Warren County, Lebanon,  
Ohio, furnished information to SA [redacted] on  
5/28 and 29/65.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 1, 1965

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP7/ab

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

During the P.M. of May 28, 1965, B. K. Kennard, Sheriff, Warren County, Lebanon, Ohio, advised that the first night's activity of the Klan rally, which took place [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, May 28, 1965, was orderly and approximately 250 individuals were in attendance. Sheriff Kennard explained that a large percentage of the individuals were curiosity observers and newspaper reporters from the surrounding area. Sheriff Kennard said that his department will be furnishing 24 hour coverage of the Klan rally.

On May 29, 1965, a confidential source of the Cincinnati Office volunteered the following information concerning the above Klan rally to an FBI representative:

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She attended the Klan rally at Oregonia, Ohio, during the P.M. of May 28, 1965, and the Klan group involved made a weak showing. A total of about 250 to 500 persons were in attendance at the rally, which included six "die-hard" Klansmen and about 30 members of the Klan, National States Rights Party, or similar organizations. Among those present who were known Klan members were James Venable, [redacted] [redacted] Covington, Kentucky.

This source advised that no cross burnings occurred during the evening of May 28, 1965, but a cross burning was planned for the evening of May 29, 1965. Source advised that [redacted] was noticed to be drinking excessively, became emotional and militant, and is attempting to get members of the American Nazi Party from Cincinnati to attend the remainder of the Klan rally. Source added that this Klan organization is attempting to make this rally a most dramatic showing and is seeking all possible publicity.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC.

Source further advised that a number of Antioch, Ohio, College students gained entrance to the Klan rally area and a small scuffle broke out, which included mainly shouting harassing remarks to the Klansmen in attendance. This situation was quickly handled by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, who escorted the Antioch College students from the rally area without incident. Source said she overheard some of the students say they were coming back in greater force the next day. [ ] indicated the Klansmen will be ready for the Antioch students and gave the impression that weapons might possibly be available on [ ]

The above information was immediately furnished to Sheriff Kennard, of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio.

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At 11:10 A.M., May 29, 1965, Special Agent [ ]  
[ ] 109th INTC Group, U. S. Army, Cincinnati, was  
telephonically advised of the above.

Characterizations of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party and American Nazi Party are attached hereto.

## A P P E N D I X

### AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses;" second "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party;" third "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda;" and fourth "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

On February 17, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] of the ANP, advised that George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. Allen said, however, in his opinion, Rockwell has only completed phase one.

He added that the ANP has operated under the FAN name throughout the country with the exception of a group operating under the FAN name in Baltimore, Maryland. He said the FAN group in Baltimore is now, and always has been, a separate organization and not a part of the ANP.

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On October 3, 1963, [redacted] the admitted [redacted] of the FAN group in Baltimore, Maryland, advised that the Baltimore FAN, which was organized in the spring of 1961, has no official connection with the ANP although until December, 1962, it received all its literature from George Lincoln Rockwell's ANP.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, ALSO KNOWN AS  
WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

[REDACTED]  
Cincinnati 43, Ohio, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on August 17, 1964, that he is an associate member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and is the ANP Organizer in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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[REDACTED] indicated there is no active ANP in Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Branch, consisting of five members, is affiliated with the ANP parent organization located in Arlington, Virginia.

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 1, 1965

Title            NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Reference      Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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To:

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Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

CI File 157-245

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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Date: 6/2/65

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To: Director, FBI (157-168)

Att.: Civil Rights Section  
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From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

2/6/78 JTA/DLS/pla Enc. 4  
re William H. Morris  
Interview at FBIHQ by  
HSCA re 1/9/78 request.  
(See Bufile #82-117290)

Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATIONAL

Re Cincinnati teletypes to Bureau, 5/28/65, and Bureau teletype to Cincinnati, 5/28/65; Cincinnati teletypes to Bureau, 5/29/65, and Baltimore teletype to Bureau, 5/29/65; and Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, 5/31/65.

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Information copies of this communication are being furnished the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Baltimore Offices in view of their interest in this matter.

Sheriff BYRON K. KENNARD and [redacted]  
[redacted] Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio,  
furnished information to SA [redacted] concerning this  
matter.

DATE FORW: 6/2/65  
HOW FORW: [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] home address Oregonia, Ohio,  
racial informant (probationary) furnished information  
concerning this matter to SA [redacted]

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

On May 26, 1965, a confidential source advised a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office that the scheduled Klan rally which is to take place [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, during the weekend of May 28 - 31, 1965, will definitely take place. This source advised that James A. Venable, Imperial Wizard, and [redacted] of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will be in attendance at the rally and will probably make several speeches.

During the P.M. of May 28, 1965, [redacted] Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio, advised the above scheduled Klan rally was in progress having started at approximately 8:00 P.M. this date. [redacted] advised that Klan rally appeared to be orderly and at this time he could furnish no estimate of those in attendance as people were still arriving about 10:00 P.M. this date. [redacted] pointed out that approximately 4:00 P.M. this date one of the Klan guards identified as [redacted] shot a weapon twice into the air when it appeared that a female reporter was going to trespass into the Klan restricted area. Officers of the Warren County Sheriff's Office were on hand to handle the situation and as a result of this incident [redacted] was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. [redacted] is described as a white male American, age [redacted] 5'10" tall, 160 pounds, with residence at [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, and is a student from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. [redacted] was later released on \$500.00 bond. [redacted] advised that the Warren County Sheriff's Office planned a 24-hour coverage of the rally to insure that all events to be held were in an orderly manner.

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**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**

During the P.M. of May 29, 1965, Sheriff Byron K. Kennard, Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised that the previous night's attendance at the Klan rally was reported to be approximately 250 individuals, with a large percentage of these individuals being curiosity observers and newspaper reporters. Sheriff Kennard also advised that a large cross made of two wooden electric or telephone poles was burned at the rally site during the night of May 29, 1965. This cross was approximately 30-feet high and 20-feet wide. After the cross burning the rally broke up at approximately 9:00 P.M. this date. No incidents occurred during this cross burning.

During the P.M. of May 31, 1965, Sheriff Kennard advised that a second cross had been burned at approximately 8:00 P.M. this date and this cross was approximately the same size as the first cross. He said that a small crowd was in attendance, exact number unknown, and that no incidents occurred during or after the cross burning.

Continued close liaison existed with military, state, and local law enforcement agencies during above Klan rally.

On June 1, 1965, same above confidential source advised that the Klan leaders in attendance at the Klan rally considered the rally a success. Source estimated that 100 individuals filled out applications to join the Klan and a lot of money was collected as initiation dues from the individuals filling out Klan applications. Source added that to the best of his knowledge there were no initiation rights held to induct new members into the Klan during the rally, and that any potential members will be notified by mail at a later date as to time and place of initiation site.

Source said that James A. Venable, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tucker, Georgia, made two speeches during the rally attacking communism in government, Negroes, Jews, and President Johnson's Governmental Policy regarding civil and voting rights of Negroes.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and a characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. of Ohio, are attached hereto.

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Att.: Civil Rights Section,  
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CI 157-245

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